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TAXPAYERS FUNDING 'BAD DEAL' OF SHORT-TERM CONTRACTORS KCC's £2,000-a-day bill for just three temp staff

EXCLUSIVE

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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KENT County Council paid more than £2,000 per day in agency fees to fund the work of just three temporary members of staff.

Despite planning to cut 1,500 jobs over the next four years, the authority has been splashing out staggering amounts of taxpayers' money on senior workers brought in on short-term contracts.

A spokeswoman for the TaxPayers' Alliance campaign group described it as "a bad deal".

These include the interim managing director of children, families and education – Malcolm Newsam – who has cost KCC £1,250 a day in agency fees since January 4 and continues to be employed by the council.

Similarly, Eva Learner was brought in on a consultancy basis last November to support a review of social work practice, and will cost Kent taxpayers £525 a day in agency fees until June at the earliest.

The council also paid an agency £680 a day for the services of Pam Rowe, who was employed as interim service improvement manager from the beginning of December, 2010, to the end of February this year.

The news coincides with the release of figures that show KCC had 31 employees on salaries worth more than £100,000 in 2009-10 – the third highest in the country.

"With huge pressure on the public finances, Kent County Council needs to ensure it is

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Education cash woe

A UNIVERSITY and college in Kent have been named as the biggest casualties in Government funding cuts for education in the South East.

North West Kent College of Technology was hardest hit – seeing its funding slashed by 19.2 per cent, while the University of Creative Arts budget was cut by 7.8 per cent – among the highest nationally.

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Return from horror

A RESCUE team from Kent which has spent the week desperately hunting for survivors following the destructive earthquake and tsunami which hit Japan, are this weekend flying home.

Following a discussion with the Japanese disaster authorities, the UK team and their US counterparts have agreed not to extend their rescue operations and have returned home.

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School places chaos

COUNTY Hall education chiefs have "lost all control" over secondary school admissions due to the increased number of academies in Kent.

According to figures compiled by independent education adviser Peter Read, there are just under 2,000 empty spaces spread across 37 schools – including 568 in nine of the old-style academies he claims are "clearly unpopular" with parents.

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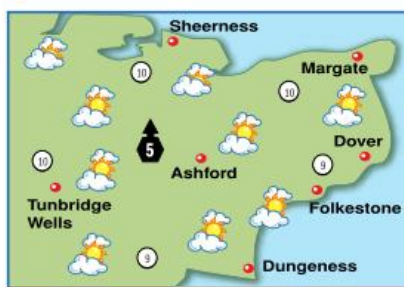


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Around Britain

	°C	°F		°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	12 54	London	fair	12 54
Belfast	cloudy	12 54	Liverpool	fair	11 52
Birmingham	cloudy	12 54	Manchester	cloudy	11 52
B'mouth	fair	12 54	Newcastle	fair	12 54
Bristol	sun	10 50	Norwich	fair	11 52
Cardiff	cloudy	11 52	Oxford	cloudy	11 52
Cork	cloudy	11 52	Southsea	fair	11 52
Edinburgh	cloudy	11 52	Sh'mpton	fair	11 52
Glasgow	cloudy	10 50	Southport	fair	10 50
Isle of Man	cloudy	11 52	Swansea	cloudy	9 48
Leeds	cloudy	10 50	Torquay	fair	11 52

Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.59am	Sunset	6.08pm	Lighting up times
Moonrise	7.47pm	Moonset	5.43am	6.08pm to 5.57am

High Tides

	today	ht (m)	tomorrow	ht (m)
Dover	11.09	6.9	23.33	7.1
Margate	-	-	12.18	4.9
St Mary's	04.49	6.1	17.12	6.0

Week ahead

monday Sunny intervals. max14C min1C	thursday Sunny spells. max13C min2C
tuesday Sunny intervals. max14C min2C	friday Quite cloudy. max13C min2C
wednesday Variable cloud. max14C min2C	saturday Some sunshine. max12C min3C

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getting the best value for taxpayers' money from staffing costs," said Charlotte Linacre, campaign manager for the TaxPayers' Alliance.

"This bill for agency staff seems like a bad deal. It is sometimes necessary to use interim or temporary staff, but over a prolonged period the added cost can be an unaffordable burden.

"When cheaper, more resourceful strategies can be found they should be used. It's crucial that money is not being thrown away on inefficient external contracts."

KCC is in the process of a major restructure – entitled Change to Keep Succeeding – which has led to a slimming-down in the number of directorates along with a reduction in senior managers. However, the council has paid Kent Top Temps employment agency £165,000 for the services of the man brought in to oversee the project, Jeff Hawkins. Several senior members of staff have

Temp bill anger

taken voluntary redundancy since the restructure was announced, which Kent Lib Dem leader Cllr Trudy Dean said was part of the reason why the authority is now taking on agency staff.

She said: "The restructure has given the council an immediate problem to fill a whole series of posts very rapidly. They're having to pay agencies for interim staff because that's all you can get at very short notice. All departments are under pressure to perform, so the council cannot exist without certain people in place."

It has also been revealed that since the appointment of group managing director Katherine Kerswell last July, £40,000 has been spent on additional consultants brought in to help staff "develop leadership competencies" and to assist 25 senior managers involved in the new structure.

KCC has lost control of admissions, says expert

COUNTY Hall education chiefs have "lost all control" over secondary school admissions due to the increased number of academies in Kent, writes **Steve Knight**.

According to figures compiled by independent education adviser Peter Read, there are just under 2,000 empty spaces spread across 37 schools – including 568 in nine of the old-style academies he claims are "clearly unpopular" with parents.

Councils have been set an empty-space target of no more than five per cent, but the Kent figure currently stands at nine per cent.

Mr Read said: "With 49 of the 100 Kent secondary schools either academies or well on the way, and another 36 foundation or voluntary-aided schools partially independent of KCC, the county has lost all control of its ability to plan numbers of places to fit the population and so has no way of meeting Government targets."

Last summer the Coalition invited every school in the country to apply to become an academy, allowing them to break away from local authority control so they could manage their own budgets, curriculum and staffing.

At that point Kent was home to just 15 old-style academies, all of which were developed to transform the subjects of one or more schools that had been suffering from "extremely challenging circumstances".

However, the new academies are different because even the best-performing schools in the country are now allowed to sign up.

KCC's cabinet member for education, learning and skills, Cllr Sarah Hohler, said it was too soon to say whether changes to school admission arrangements should be made.

She said: "A number of Kent schools have recently become academies, and KCC has been fully supportive of this. The final decision on

COMMENT by Peter Read



FOLLOWING Kent secondary school allocations made on March 1, nine per cent of places in Year Seven were left empty in schools across the county.

The Audit Commission considers there should be no more than five per cent empty spaces in any area or authority. So there is a problem in Kent.

However, with 49 of the 100 Kent secondary schools either academies or well on the way, and another 36 foundation or voluntary-aided schools partially independent of KCC, the county has lost all control of its ability to plan numbers of places to fit the population, and so has no way of meeting Government targets.

At allocation, 413 Kent children were placed into schools they had not applied for, as their preferred choices were full. If we ignore these, there was a total of 1,968 empty places in provision for the new intake.

What will be of special interest to Mr Gove is that 568 of these places are concentrated in just nine of the old-style academies, most of which have been the subject of massive rebuilding programmes and are clearly unpopular.

All these academies are more than a quarter empty, with Skinners' Kent Academy in Tunbridge

Kent Labour leader Cllr Leslie Christie said: "I disagree with paying agencies because I don't think it's the best use of public money. It's a lot more expensive than direct employment and I'm disappointed KCC is taking people on this way."

A KCC spokesman said staff employed through agencies are not entitled to paid sick leave, annual leave or any contribution to a pension scheme. He added: "The council has used agencies to recruit senior staff and, in some cases, consultants. Those agencies are paid an appropriate rate."

Meanwhile, the council has again been singled out for criticism in the TaxPayers' Alliance's annual Town Hall Rich List report, which revealed there were 31 employees on salaries worth more than £100,000 in 2009-10.

But KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said the figure should be taken in the context of the many 104 secondary school headteachers in the county and doctors who earn well in excess of that wage.

Wells, Duke of York's Royal Military Academy in Dover, and New Line Learning Academy in Maidstone being more than a half empty before children who hadn't applied for them were shipped in.

Duke of York's, which only has 65 day places, was still nearly two-thirds empty after this process, so anyone who wants an education with a military flavour can make a late application and will be able to secure a place.

However, even after allocating possibly unwilling children to these schools, we see New Line Learning Academy with 47 per cent empty spaces, Spires Academy in Sturry with 35 per cent, Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate with 31 per cent, and Skinners' Kent Academy, Orchard Academy, Swanley, and Dover Christ Church Academy all more than a quarter empty.

And after appeals and waiting lists for more popular schools come into play, the number of gaps in these academies will only increase.

If Kent is to reduce its number of empty spaces to the target five per cent, then 875 Year Seven vacancies need to be removed from the least popular schools. Which Government-run academies will Mr Gove consider shrinking or closing down?

Cllr Hohler said: "KCC is the admissions authority for about 20 per cent of secondary schools. There has not suddenly been a swing in control. KCC has and will continue to work with all schools and academies to make sure there are sufficient places. This is required so we can meet our legal duty."

"It is fair to say it will be a dilemma for the Secretary of State if he is asked to increase a published admission number in one academy, which could be to the disadvantage of another. "These are the sorts of issues KCC has dealt with for many years."

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European court fight to stop use of harmful chemicals

MEP creating buzz in legal bid to protect nation's bees



By **MATHEW BEECH**

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THE battle for the future prosperity of the humble bee is taking flight to Europe's top lawmakers.

And a bee-keeper in Sheppey says without steps soon to protect bees the future "looks bleak" for the county, so reliant on the insects pollinating key fruit crops.

It comes after an MEP launched a campaign against the use of chemicals that could be damaging the bee population.

Pollinators

Peter Skinner, Labour MEP for the South East, is taking his fight against the use of chemicals which damage bee populations to a European level.

Mr Skinner said: "Rising global food prices will continue to rise and without bees and insects as natural pollinators this will only worsen food shortages and increase prices."

He is campaigning for a ban on neonicotinoid pesticides until the long-term affects of them on wildlife are known.

He added: "There is still no conclusive evidence on what is currently causing the sharp decline in bee numbers."

"So we are asking that the UK government errs on the side of caution in this instance and bans the use of neonicotinoid pesticides like some other EU countries, such as Germany."

"The UN has just issued a report stating that increasing use of chemicals in agriculture, including systemic insecticides and those used to coat seeds, is being found to be damaging or toxic to bees."

"Some can, in combination, be even more potent to pollinators, a phenomenon known as the cocktail effect."

His concerns are echoed by Sudie Austin, who owns the Flynn's Bee Farm on Sheppey. She said: "Bees are an absolutely essential part of the food chain. Their worth has been estimated at about £250 million to the country's agriculture because of what they bring in terms of pollination."

"There are no other pollinators that are as prolific as the honeybee and that is why we are also losing a lot of our wild plants."

"Without bees, the future looks bleak especially in Kent."

"We are famous for our cherries and our apples and bee farmers are paid to help pollinate the plants."

"If we have little or no stock, we can't do this and the impacts would affect the whole food chain."

"Cattle are fed during the winter on crops pollinated by bees and a report has shown that one third of what we eat is directly or indirectly affected by honeybees."

Poor breeding of bees and the spread of disease has also adversely affected the number of the insects.

Mrs Austin added: "In the UK several years ago, the fashion was to import bees from warmer countries such as Italy."

Disease

"These bred with the native bees and we have been left with a type of mongrel that doesn't like the cold weather."

"During the cold winters they don't go out and pollinate and do the type of things they did before."

"They are also not as hardy and also seem more susceptible to disease."

"My colonies here are part of an international conservation project and are part of a breeding group."

"The aim is to bring back the pedigree in the bees and reintroduce the dark European or the black bee."

Dame Judi set to plant castle rose

DAME Judi Dench will be at Hever Castle this week to launch the historic site's new rose.

The Oscar winning actress will plant the first Hever Castle Rose on Monday.

Dame Judi is no stranger to the venue – earlier this year she shot a TV commercial at the venue to be broadcast around the world as part of VisitBritain's advertising campaign.

She admitted then Hever was one of her favourite British landmarks and is a regular visitor.

Arrest over body discovered in field

THE remains of a 60-year-old man dug up in a field at a village near Ashford have been identified.

A murder investigation has now been launched, handled by the Metropolitan Police.

The remains were found on Thursday in Brabourne and identified as Lee Clement of no fixed address.

Police were alerted by a 30-year-old homeless man who has been arrested on suspicion of murder. He has been released on bail until March 25. The cause of death has not yet been established.

Deaths in tunnel blaze an accident

TWO workers who were killed in a fire on the Channel Tunnel rail link at Swanscombe died accidentally, an inquest has ruled.

A verdict of accidental death was reached by a jury at the coroner's court at Gravesend's Adult Education Centre on Thursday.

Dougie Lynch, from Folkestone, and Darren Brown, from Manchester, died as a result of the blaze which broke out on August 16, 2005, while they worked on the rail link.

Cuts could force Radio Kent onto the BBC share-waves

RADIO Kent could lose the majority of its local content under controversial cost-cutting measures put forward by the BBC.

The corporation's 40 local radio stations will only produce breakfast and drive-time shows if the plans get the go-ahead, with all other programming simulcast from the national station Radio 5 Live.

However, Radio Kent already shares its drive-time show with Radio Surrey and Radio Sussex, and therefore faces the prospect of having just one truly local slot per day.

The shake-up is one of the first concrete proposals to emerge from Delivering Quality First; a money-saving review which is under way across the entire BBC.

North Thanet MP Roger Gale – a former DJ and producer of both Radio 1's Newsbeat and Radio 4's Today show – said the move would cause serious harm to the industry.

He added: "Radio and television journalists have to learn their craft somewhere, and BBC local radio has been a very good training ground for some of the best in the world."

"By and large the quality of Radio Kent's programming is very high. They do some good stuff and have some very good broadcasters like breakfast show host John Warnett. Are

we going to throw all this away? It's crazy."

The corporation has been tasked with finding savings following the six-year licence fee freeze.

Trade unionists at the BBC fear that if given the go-ahead, the local radio proposals will lead to at least 700 job losses throughout the UK.

Staff also fear that some individual stations could close completely as even the breakfast and drive-time programmes become pooled into bigger regions.

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg defended the future of local radio, saying it is "unbelievably important".

He told BBC Radio Sheffield: "There's something authentic and real about local radio, and that's something we should do everything to try and protect."

A BBC spokesman said: "No decisions have been made so it would be wrong to speculate. It

is of course only right that BBC staff have an opportunity to input ideas about shaping the BBC's future."

"The Delivering Quality First sessions are designed to provoke discussion amongst staff about the way the BBC works, and any decisions coming out of the process would be subject to approval by the BBC Trust."



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Party's top brass clash over battle of Medway

EXCLUSIVE

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A POLITICAL dog-fight has broken out as the Conservatives and Labour battle for power in Medway.

Labour was wiped off Kent's political map at last year's general election, with every seat now in Conservative hands and the party has eyeballed the district, home to three MPs, as key to its resurrection.

Shadow chancellor, Ed Balls, recently visited Gillingham and more high-profile visits are expected ahead of the May council elections.

The visit has prompted the Conservative Party's chairman, Baroness Sayeed Warsi, to get involved.

"The Conservatives in Medway are protecting vital frontline services for more than a quarter of a million residents," she said.

"Labour left the region in an economic mess and we will be fighting for every Conservative vote."

It followed a rallying cry from Mr Balls on a visit to MidKent College to deliver a keynote speech to party supporters.

"We had some really good MPs [in Medway] and they took a pounding," he said during the rally. "We took a hit and we have to put our hands up to that."

"But without Medway and other seats in the South East we can't regain power. Winning back trust is a priority."

Mr Balls claimed the Medway regeneration project had "gone into reverse" since Labour had left office and warned without it the local economy would continue to slow down.

And the former education secretary lambasted the Government's decision to "pull the plug" on the Building Schools for the Future project, branding it "very unfair on governors, parents and children".

"Economically it doesn't make any sense," he told more than 100 party members.

"Construction firms were relying on the schools contracts at a time when fewer hous-



WAR OF WORDS: Labour's Ed Balls and Tory Party chairman Baroness Sayeed Warsi

es were being built. It was keeping people in jobs and creating apprenticeships. It's a decision that's served an unfair burden on the taxpayer. People voted for cuts but not on the scale they have been and not as fast."

Rehman Chishti, MP for Gillingham and Rainham, branded Mr Balls' visit a cynical marketing ploy.

Eligible

"Medway is my home; it's where I live, grew up and went to school," he said. "To Ed Balls Medway simply represents target seats – constituencies Labour want to win back."

"The Medway electorate made it quite clear they'd had enough of them at the general election when Ed Balls' government left our country on the brink of bankruptcy."

Medway council elections are due to take place in 22 wards and 11 parishes on Thursday, May 5.

Meanwhile, Canterbury City Council's Conservative leader faces a threat from disgruntled students.

Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are set to stand a student against council

leader John Gilbey in his Blean Forest ward.

The constituency incorporates the University of Kent's Canterbury campus – home to 3,720 students who are eligible to vote.

Traditionally turn-out in council elections has been poor but the student union says it expected numbers to rise after launching a student voting campaign.

Councillor Gilbey, who holds the seat with fellow Tory, Hazel McCabe, said he welcomed democratic challenges.

Man, 54, stabbed to death at house

A MIDDLE-aged man and woman have been found with serious stab wounds in a house at St Margaret's at Cliffe.

Police were called to the property in Ash Grove, between Dover and Deal, on Wednesday shortly after 8am and a 50-year-old woman and 54-year-old man were taken to hospital.

The man died later that day. The female is critical, but stable.

Officers do not believe anyone else is connected with the incident, although investigators are awaiting the results of the post-mortem.

Widdy's TV Q&A

PIERS Morgan is to quiz Ann Widdecombe in the next series of interviews as part of his Life Stories series.

The former tabloid newspaper editor, who recently replaced Larry King as host of one of America's most popular chat shows, flew back into the UK from the States this week.

He confirmed he would be filming interviews with the former Maidstone and Weald MP, as well as former Baywatch and Knight Rider star David Hasselhoff.

New store on isle?

SHOPPING complex Westwood Cross looks set for another major store.

Plans for a new two-storey retail unit, believed to be Primark, at the Broadstairs site have been passed to Thanet District Council officers to approve, subject to a legal agreement being put in place.

The application, for a non-food store, totalling 6,500 square metres split over two floors, was considered on Wednesday night by the council's planning committee.

Education chiefs bemoan huge cuts to their budgets

A UNIVERSITY and a college in Kent have been named as the biggest casualties in government funding cuts for education in the South East.

North West Kent College of Technology was hardest hit, seeing its funding from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) slashed by 19.2 per cent.

And the vice-chancellor of the University of Creative Arts hit out after learning her budget had been cut by 7.8 per cent – more than any other university in the region and among the highest nationally.

Professor Elaine Thomas accused the HEFCE of unfairly targeting the creative arts. She said: "As a specialist creative arts university we have been hit disproportionately by the cuts to university teaching grants."

"We are disappointed at this, given that we have experienced unprecedented high levels of applications and demand is strong nationally for graduates in creative subjects."

"Even during the recession, the creative industries have continued to grow. Our number one priority in the face of funding reductions is to protect the student experience."

"We are in a strong financial position and we will be working hard to generate efficien-

cy savings without compromising our staff-to-student ratio or the cutting-edge facilities that our students have come to expect."

North West Kent College of Technology principal David Gleed remained upbeat despite the cuts. He said the growing demand for vocational courses at its Gravesend and Dartford sites had offered financial protection.

He said: "While any cut in funding is disappointing, the college is working with a number of partners on a significant expansion of its higher education work, particularly around sustainable construction and other related programmes."

Other Kent universities fared slightly better than UCA.

The University of Kent (UKC) received a four per cent cut in funding, while Canterbury Christchurch University (CCU) saw funding drop by 2.3 per cent.

HEFCE grants make up around 40 per cent of a university's budget.

The University and College union has raised fears funding cuts could see some departments, including humanities and the arts, at more risk than others.

UCA said it was likely tuition fees will rise as a result of the cuts.

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THE INTERVIEW

BY NICK AMES

Role with a vital message

ACTOR Duncan Preston, arguably best known for his work in such TV shows as *Dinnerladies* and *Emmerdale*, is taking to far more troubled waters in his latest role.

Preston, 64, plays the virtuous Deep South lawyer Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which is playing at The Churchill Theatre in Bromley in the week ahead.

It is 50 years since the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee, on which the play is based, was published.

It tells the story of life in an American small town through the eyes of a child.

Brother and sister Jem and Scout Finch are growing up during the Great Depression, but their idyllic childhood innocence is shattered with the realisation that bigotry and prejudice rule in the town of Maycomb, Alabama.

'Atticus thinks like I do and his attitudes are mine, in many ways. I have a kind of affinity with him'

They become the victims of gossip and abuse when their father, Atticus, defends a young black man falsely accused of raping a white woman.

The original book was a key text for the American civil rights movement of the 1960s, and is a favourite of US president Barack Obama.

Preston said: "I played the role of Atticus four years ago, but this is a different production. The character Scout, who narrates the original work, is portrayed here as an older person – recalling what happened. As for playing my part, you couldn't ask for a better role on stage."

"There is certainly something about Atticus Finch."

"He thinks like I do and his attitudes are mine, in many ways. I have a kind of affinity with him and hopefully that'll come across to the audience. It's a bit like playing myself, but with an American accent."

"I think if I was a lawyer I would do what he did, go for the truth and trust the jury to make the right decision."

"The challenge of the role is just like any other [part] – making the character believable. This is an iconic story so it is a privilege to be part of it."

"People really love the work, it's almost like a sort of Bible. Sometimes before a production starts, there will be kids in the audience, they'll be shouting and bawling and you think, 'oh we've got a right lot here'."

"But within five minutes they are gripped and with the story. When the courtroom scenes comes with its verdict you can hear a pin drop, the silence is so great."

Preston has visited the southern states of the USA including a trip to the cultural melting-pot of New Orleans, post Hurricane Katrina.

"It was a sort of working holiday," he said. "I was on a cruise and doing some talks. But I loved the place, there was so much history and the people, even after that natural disaster, were so full of life."

Regarding the production, Preston said he is keen the underlying message is still understood by audiences today.

He said: "You hope you send people out thinking that we've given them lots of things to think about, and that they've watched a great story that's gripping."

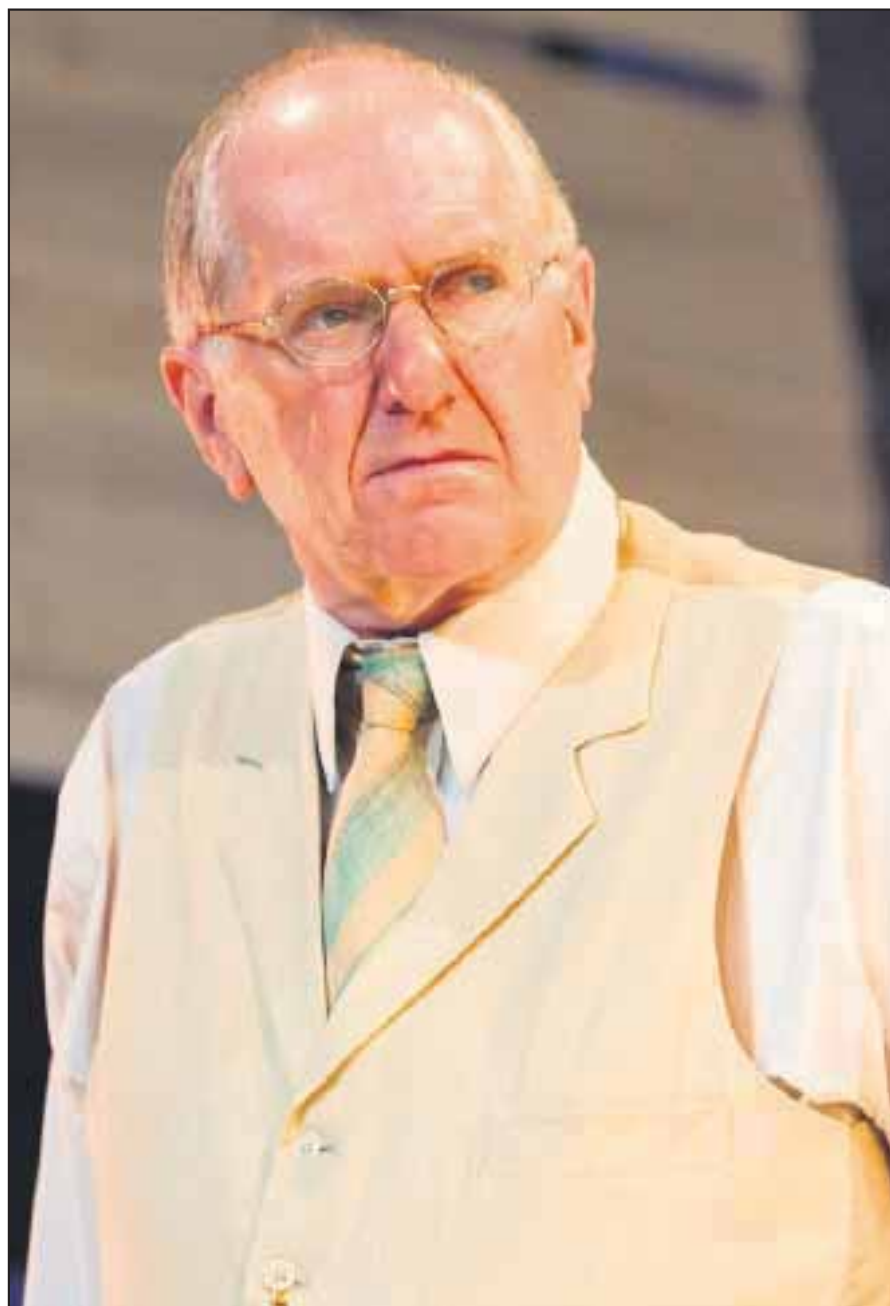
"The play is about taking people as you find them and that's a message that needs to be heard. This world, this country, it can be pretty vicious."

"So trying to educate people is very important. If we can stop one person from being like that (having racist views) then it has definitely been worthwhile."

"Before I began working on this role I had never read the book. I feel guilty about not reading it as a child, in fact, as I really think I should have. I feel it should be compulsory for children."

"I understand why the writer Harper Lee never wrote another book – I think she said everything she wanted to say in this work. It's a brilliant piece of writing."

• To Kill A Mockingbird is at The Churchill Theatre in Bromley from Monday to Saturday, March 21-26. Tickets are available by phoning 08448 717620 or online at www.ambassador-tickets.com/bromley.



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Protestors shocked after sludge plant is approved

By **MATHEW BEECH**

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VILLAGERS say they have been left 'reeling' by the decision to approve controversial plans for a sludge treatment plant in the middle of the countryside.

Kent county councillors voted 14 to three in favour of Countrystyle Recycling's development at the Otterpool Quarry site in Sellindge, between Ashford and Hythe.

The plant – just yards from a popular roadside café – will house a fully-enclosed anaerobic digestion plant, a biological treatment process that converts food and garden waste into a solid, compost-like product as well as an organic liquid fertiliser.

It will deal with up to 95,000 tonnes of waste from Ashford, Dover and Shepway.

However, residents of Sellindge – 96 per cent of whom signed a petition opposing the plans – say they opposed the increase in lorries travelling through the village, which they say would pose a risk to life.

In addition, owners of the nearby Airport Café feared fluid leaking from trucks into its car park.

Ronald Lello, chairman of the Sellindge and District Residents' Association, said: "The reaction among the residents was one of considerable disappointment.

"The officers had a total disregard for the feelings of the three parish councils, the dis-



DEFEATED: Campaigners feel their opinions on the plan have been ignored

trict council, the residents' association and anyone else who lives here.

"It has left the residents disheartened and they feel as though this has been dealt with by people who don't care about them.

"We're still reeling from the decision."

Sean Furey, deputy director of Protect Kent, the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) said: "This development should not go ahead.

"Not only are the residents of the area opposed to it, but there are also serious risks of groundwater pollution, as well as the potential for up to 168 lorry movements in and out of the site every day.

"This is not the correct place for this development, and we believe that KCC has made a serious mistake by approving the proposal."

Patrick Green, who runs the Airport Café with his wife Julie, said: "We have no idea of the full impact until the site is fully up and running and by then it could be too late.

"We know it is going to be bad, but we don't know how bad it will be."

Chairman of the KCC planning committee, Richard King, said: "The committee was sympathetic to the concerns of local residents and congratulated them on the case they put.

"But in pure planning terms there were no significant or major planning reasons why this should be refused. Managed properly, this site will not cause an environmental problem for people locally.

"We have conditioned highway movements so that they will not go through Sellindge.

"There are also concerns which will be addressed by the Environment Agency. First of all, they are responsible for odour and emissions."

Niall Cormac-Walshe, technical director for the Countrystyle Group added: "Our application included a large number of technical assessments which have been reviewed by independent consultees.

"Those parties have each concluded that the scheme conforms to the UK latest environmental regulations".

Mr Lello added: "We may consider an appeal. If nothing else, we will make life for Countrystyle as difficult as possible."



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Ex-council chief faces allegations

A POLICE probe has been launched into allegations surrounding former Tunbridge Wells council leader Roy Bullock.

Council chiefs in Tunbridge Wells and Kent Police both confirm allegations have been levelled against the Conservative councillor – believed to concern his relationship with public sector developer John Laing.

A Kent Police spokesman said: "Police have been made aware of these allegations and are establishing whether they have foundation and if indeed any offences have been committed. There are currently no active criminal investigations taking place in relation to the matter."

Cllr Bullock said: "I do not know anything about any investigations."

Fountain plan

A GIANT water fountain could be built as part of the renaissance of Folkestone harbour.

A planning application has been submitted to Shepway District Council by Folkestone Harbour Company to install the interactive water feature – measuring 18 metres by 12 metres – in the square by Chummy's seafood stall, close to the harbour wall.

If plans are approved, the fountain could be completed by the summer.

Charity cash gift

KIND-hearted Rotarians have helped to replace money stolen from a Kent Air Ambulance collection box.

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Copies of the Board Papers are available on our website, please visit
www.eckcommunityservices.nhs.uk.

For questions relating to the Board Meeting please contact
Jill Mackenzie on 01233 667840 or email jill.mackenzie@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk.

Jobs threat in trusts merger

AN NHS boss has said merging two of the county's biggest hospital trusts is the only way to deliver healthcare fit for the 21st century.

But hundreds of jobs could go if Medway Foundation Trust and Dartford and Gravesham Trust unite as one body.



Unison, the public service trade union, said it was concerned patient services would be affected. But Mark Devlin (pictured left), chief executive at Medway NHS Foundation Trust, said the merger would enable the trusts to extend the range of clinical services offered.

Acknowledging job losses, Mr Devlin said core departments, including A&E and maternity, would not be affected.

He said: "Across north Kent and Medway our populations are growing, as are their increasingly complex healthcare needs. Exploring ways to modernise local hospital services within the challenging economic environment is a necessity, not an option, if we are to deliver 21st century healthcare."

"An integration of the trusts could lead to a strengthening of essential services at both hospitals and improved access to more specialist services. There will be long-term savings from sharing management and other support services, which can be reinvested elsewhere in the local NHS."

A spokesman for the trust said increasing financial pressures combined with greater demands from Government had led to speculative talks on a merger to start more than a year ago. Both trusts said the priority continued to be the safe and effective provision of healthcare to patients. Before any merger, the trusts will hold a public consultation involving patients, governors, GPs, commissioners and local authorities.

They will also need to gain approval from the Department of Health.

Jacko ferry



ON BOARD:
Jackson meets
Pride of Dover's
Capt Hammond

READERS from around the world have been shedding light on this remarkable photograph of the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, *writes Marijke Cox.*

It pictures the late singer on a Dover to Calais cross-Channel ferry, shaking hands with Captain Pat Hammond on the Pride of Dover.

And since we put it up on our website and featured the snap on the front of our online-only sister title YourDover, it has triggered some fascinating stories.

It is thought to have been taken in June/July 1987 as the US star dazzled sell-out crowds across Europe with his tour promoting the multi-million selling Bad

album. Remarkably, the photographer who took the picture, long time P&O snapper Basil Kidd, called him "Malcolm" after getting the singer's name confused with a friend of his.

Commenting on our website www.kentnews.co.uk after we urged readers to help discover how Jackson came to be on the ferry, Mr Kidd's son, James, wrote: "The picture was taken by my dad, Basil Kidd, a freelance photographer who worked for P&O in the 1980s. He was using the ferry

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as the weather was too rough to fly to Paris. A little known fact is that Dad, clearly out of touch with popular culture, called him Malcolm as he had a friend, Malcolm Jackson, in the Marines. I think Michael was quite taken aback by this faux pas!"

After our story was picked up by an online fan forum, a spokesman from Mr Jackson's estate said the singer did a lot of exploration on his days off while touring and could well have wanted to see the famous White Cliffs. The photograph was uncovered by archivists at Dover Harbour Board.

Chris Laming, communications director at ferry firm P&O, said he remembered Mr Jackson's visit.

"Our sales team got a call from Michael's people to say he was on the way within the hour, en route to the continent as part of a tour, and could we make arrangements so he and his entourage would have some peace and quiet on board," he said.

"We had function rooms on the Pride of Dover, so we put them in there. The photo was taken by a great character from Deal, Basil Kidd."

The former Royal Marine, who took pictures for more than 40 years, died in 2008. A



LARKIN ABOUT: Pam Ferris and Catherine Zeta Jones

book was released by Judith Davies, called Basil's Deal, showcasing his work.

The picture appeared on the front page of the now defunct Today newspaper in 1987, but has rarely been seen since.

Its discovery this week set the Jackson universe chatting.

On www.mjjcommunity.com, after an appeal by Archant KOS Media for information, one poster wrote: "Due to bad weather he had to take the cruise instead of flying. He kept a low profile and the 2,000 passengers on board had no idea he was travelling."

Mr Jackson died in 2009.

The image was revealed by a team at Dover Harbour Board: Chris Knight, Bob Wainwright, Andy Rintoul

and retired Ian Rintoul.

They want to preserve the history of the port for future generations and are cataloguing 42 photo albums dating back to the 1880s.

Other images to emerge include actresses Catherine Zeta Jones and Pam Ferris, taken at the port during filming for The Darling Buds of May. The popular TV series was shot at Pluckley, just outside Ashford.

Also among the finds was a letter from wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill written on January 1, 1941, thanking staff at Dover Harbour Board for their good wishes and recognising the sacrifices of the people of Dover during the war.

The team's work, which is voluntary, is entering its third year, with advice from archivists at Dover Museum, Kent Archives and Canterbury Cathedral.

It began when Mr Knight and Ian Rintoul noticed some of the photo albums were deteriorating.

The pair felt action should be taken to preserve them for staff reference, local knowledge and heritage.

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Customs officers stopped the vehicle at the Port of Dover last Sunday, and discovered approximately 5kg of the drug in nine clear-wrapped packages.

The driver – Mohammed Satari-Khavas – was arrested and pleaded guilty at Folkestone Magistrates' Court. He was remanded in custody and will appear at Canterbury Crown Court for sentencing at a date to be decided.

A second man from Poland has been bailed while investigations continue.

Motorcyclist killed

A 47-YEAR-OLD man died after the motorbike he was riding was hit by a truck on Tuesday afternoon.

The crash took place on Canterbury Road, Sturry, near Canterbury, at about 1.15pm.

The motorcyclist, who has not been named by police, was taken to the QEQM Hospital in Margate with serious injuries following the crash. His death was confirmed an hour later.

He was riding a blue Suzuki GSX 1400 motorcycle. The other vehicle belonged to SERCO and was a white Ford Transit Tipper. The driver was not injured.

Dead man named

POLICE have confirmed the identity of the body found in the garden of a house in Ashford last week.

Officers were called to the property in St Teresa's Close, near the town centre, in the early hours of Tuesday, March 8.

There they discovered the body of Jed Daniel Turner – also known as Jed Little. He was 34.

Four people remain on bail pending investigations. Results of forensic tests following the Home Office post mortem are still awaited.

Crash victim left dying as bike vanished

DETECTIVES investigating the death of a biker on the Isle of Sheppey were met with a wall of silence, police have told a coroner.

Brett Roberts, from London, died after losing control of a motorbike he was riding in Park Avenue, Leysdown, on August 5, 2010.

It took just a few minutes for Michael Terry, a visitor to the town, to race for help, but on his return someone had taken the bike, leaving Mr Roberts dying in the road. The vehicle has never been found.

Investigating officer PC David Jeeves told the court several witnesses had initially come forward. However, he said they later changed their minds and refused to give evidence at Mr Roberts' inquest, held at County Hall, Maidstone, last week.

Coroner Roger Sykes described the lack of co-operation as "less than satisfactory," and said police had been prevented from conducting a proper investigation into the 32-year-old life-guard's death.

Giving evidence, Mr Terry said he had been sitting in his car with his wife when they spotted Mr Roberts riding the off-road bike down Park Avenue.

By **JILL HURST**

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He said Mr Roberts had been riding alone, with "reasonable control" when he had attempted to mount a pavement.

"The left handlebar struck the fence and pushed him into it. The fence bowed and both rider and motorcycle were catapulted to the ground quite violently."

Vanished

Mr Terry told the coroner he ran to a nearby house to call the emergency services, but when he emerged, the bike had vanished.

Mr Roberts, who was not wearing a crash-helmet at the time of the accident, had been staying with his girlfriend in her holiday chalet.

She did not attend the inquest. Mr Roberts' mother, Lenore, told Mr Sykes she had spoken to her briefly when her son was airlifted to a London Hospital, but had been unable to ascertain who owned the bike.

Mr Roberts also leaves two brothers, aged 18 and 22, a sister aged 23, and his 63-year-old father who lives in Spain.

Clearly distressed at the evidence, Mrs



LOVED LIFE: Crash victim Brett Roberts

Roberts asked Mr Terry if he had heard her son cry out, to which he replied he had not.

The coroner assured Mrs Roberts her son would have been instantaneously unconscious, and unaware of his injuries.

Paying tribute to him after the court case, Mrs Roberts said: "Today is closure for me. While I miss Brett every single day, I feel like I can move on."

"I'm disappointed the bike he was riding at the time was never recovered, but it won't bring him back. I will never forget his sunny and warm personality. He could make you smile and he loved life."

She revealed her son's organs had been donated for transplantation. Mr Roberts' heart was given to a 36-year-old woman who was born with a rare defect.

"Even now, Brett's heart is still beating," she said. "It makes me proud to think his healthy body has helped others."



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Rescuers race to find victims in the rubble

AS THE world looks on at the horrifying aftermath of Japan's earthquake, Kent's search and rescue heroes push on in the desperate search for survivors before all hope is lost.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service's (KFRS) seven-strong team, who were flown to Misawa and then on to the stricken city of Ofunato last Saturday, know the window of opportunity of finding people alive is rapidly closing.

Contact

Assistant director of operations Sean Bone-Knell said the first five to six days after a catastrophe were the most vital.

"After that, when there's not a great deal of hope of finding anyone else alive, the team will move on to the recovery phase, which means finding bodies," he said.

Despite poor communications, the 63-strong UK team, including Kent's crew, was able to make contact with home earlier this week.

Group leader Peter Stephenson said the team had moved 30km north of Ofunato to Kamaishi, where 1,000 people were reported missing.

Searching through heavy snow and rubble, three bodies were recovered but no survivors found.

MARIJKE COX looks at the brave team from Kent sifting through the rubble of a Japan facing up to life after the devastating earthquake and tsunami



LITTLE HOPE: Cars and boats lie strewn amongst the wreckage of the town of Ofunato

Talking earlier in the week, Mr Stephenson said the team had to work during daylight hours only due to lack of power.

"The UK team are working near their colleagues from the United States and they are in radio contact with each other," he said.

"Kamaishi still has 1,000 people missing, but so far the UK team has only recovered three deceased."

Kent's urban search and rescue team is made up of 46-year-old station manager John Mazzei, from Pembury; firefighter Dean Langley, 46, from Sevenoaks; firefighter Matthew Scott, from Maidstone; crew manager Heather Heath, from Folkestone; watch manager Alan Downes, from Broadstairs; and watch manager Dave Hudson, also from Broadstairs.

The seventh member of the team is a KFRS technician.

Mrs Heath is the only woman in the British search and rescue team.

Speaking to a national newspaper from Ofunato, the 38-year-old, who volunteered to join the team 12 years ago, said: "We never know what we are going to find until we get there."

"We're just praying there is someone still alive."

"I volunteered for this to help people. Sometimes they have nothing. When we were driving here, I saw two women crying when they spotted us."

"They were so grateful and it really touched me."

Ofunato, with a population of 42,000, was one of Japan's many towns and cities on the east coast left devastated by the disaster.

The earthquake measuring 8.9 on the Richter scale triggered a tsunami which wiped out thousands of homes, leaving half a million people homeless.

Japan's death toll is rising rapidly, with more than 15,000 reported dead or missing. There are fears the figure could rise to about 100,000.

Throughout the week, the Japanese military continued its efforts to cool the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, following several explosions caused by the earthquake and tsunami.

Fears were of a catastrophe to rival Chernobyl.

A spokeswoman from KFRS said the situation regarding potential radioactive contamination was being carefully monitored.

"Plans have been put in place to ensure the safety of the team should the situation develop," she said.

Expert scientific advice showed there was no risk of radiation contamination to the UK International Search and Rescue team, who were deployed more than 130km away from Fukushima nuclear plant.

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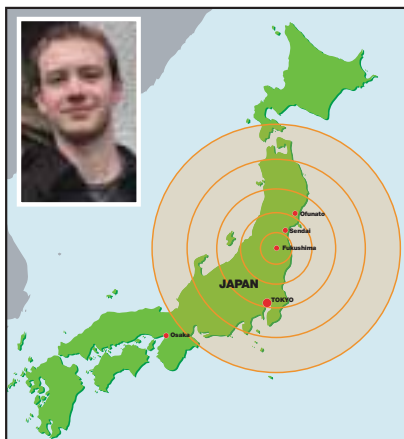
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HEALTH FEARS: The area affected by raised radiation levels and, inset, Jack Pudelek

'Buildings were swaying like trees'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE leafy calm and tranquillity of Tunbridge Wells seems like a world away for Jack Pudelek.

The 24-year-old traded life in the spa town a little over a year ago to move to Japan; teaching English in Kanagawa, south of Tokyo.

Speaking exclusively to this newspaper, Mr Pudelek said many of his friends were already fleeing south amid concerns over leaking radiation.

Mr Pudelek, who went to prep school at Babington House in Chislehurst, said: "The problem with the nuclear power station in Fukushima has many people anxious. We

are being told we have planned power cuts due to the power shortage and need to conserve power. Certain places will have no power for three hours at a time.

"The Japanese citizens are very strong and resilient and their reaction to the quake has been remarkable and admirable.

"I was on the second floor of a coffee shop in Machida on the outskirts of Tokyo with a friend when the first quake hit.

"To begin with it felt as if my chair was being kicked by the old lady behind me so I moved it and continued my conversation, but I suddenly realised, as the shaking grew bigger and the building began to sway, that it was an earthquake.

"Knowing earthquakes are pretty normal in Japan and having felt a few smaller ones since my arrival, I tried to ignore it and con-

tinue my conversation. Then I realised my Japanese friend looked a little panicked and old ladies were beginning to exclaim.

"Outside, the street was filled with people and several had looks of shock and fear on their faces. I began to realise this was not your average earthquake and something more serious.

"I had been in touch with a friend in Saitama who told me he was in a tall skyscraper and could see other skyscrapers swaying like trees in the wind."

PM defends nuclear programme

DAVID Cameron has backed calls by a Kent MP to push forward with a nuclear future, despite warnings that one of the county's power plants sits next to an earthquake zone.

It follows fears over the future of nuclear energy in the light of the situation in Japan.

In Parliament, the Prime Minister agreed with a statement by Folkestone and Hythe MP Damian Collins that nuclear power was an important part of future energy needs in the UK and should be "part of the mix".

Mr Collins is campaigning for a new nuclear station at Dungeness after it was excluded from Government's list of potential sites for development.

Dungeness sits next to a series of fault lines which triggered an earthquake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale in Folkestone in 2007 and



'RISK': Dungeness nuclear power station another two years later with a 2.8 magnitude.

It already houses a pair of nuclear power stations.

Dungeness A has been decommissioned,

and Dungeness B is due to close in 2018.

Mr Collins said it would be alarmist to suggest the earthquake in Japan would have a direct consequence for safety at the plant.

"The Government has carried out a site-specific study for Dungeness, including assessments for earthquakes and storm surge, and has concluded that there are no causes for concern," he said.

Kent Green Party, however, issued a warning stating that although the UK was not as seismically active as Japan in terms of earthquakes, predicting such a disaster was "not an exact science".

Campaigns officer Dr Hazel Dawe said: "The terrible series of earthquakes in Japan should bring a halt to new nuclear power stations in the UK, particularly at Dungeness."

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The new-look channel, which went 'live' on Thursday, will now be known as www.homes24.co.uk and includes many unique search and research features including free, instant valuations for every UK home and a property community AskMe! Q&A as well as the ability to set a TemptMe price on your home or make a TemptMe offer on a home.

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Martin Cunningham, commercial director at Homes24.co.uk, said: "We are delighted to have partnered with Zoopla, who have delivered us an innovative and market-leading online property search product."

"We will be making a significant investment in the promotion of homes24.co.uk to maximise the benefit from each of our media assets."

Alex Chesterman, founder and CEO of Zoopla.co.uk, said: "This deal is a natural fit, combining the ability of a traditional publisher to drive traffic using their strong media assets to a market-leading online platform provided by us."

"The partnership leverages each of our core competencies to benefit both consumers of Archant media and members of the Zoopla platform."

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Earth Hour's timely reminder

LIGHTS will go out around the globe next weekend for this year's Earth Hour. But Kent is lagging behind the rest of the nation when it comes to people signing up to take part.

According to the Earth Hour map, hosted by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Kent is 79th out of 107 areas across the UK. Neighbouring East Sussex is 39th and Surrey 10th.

However, not everyone is turning their back on Earth Hour, which aims to raise awareness of climate change by switching off lights for an hour.

In previous years Canterbury Cathedral has been plunged into darkness, along with Westminster's St Stephen's Tower – which

houses Big Ben – to mark the event. Among those taking part will be Swale Borough Council. All non-essential lights in Swale House, the Sheerness district office and the Alexander Centre in Faversham will be switched off.

Council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles said: "Swale is pleased to be supporting Earth Hour for the third year in a row."

"If everyone turns out all non-essential lights in their homes and workplaces for just one hour it will be one small step in symbolising what can be achieved to tackle climate change."

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NEW ROLE: The minibus is handed over to Kent Search and Rescue, who will use it as a mobile control centre

KENT Police have donated a decommissioned police minibus to Kent Search and Rescue (KSAR), *writes James Benjamin.*

KSAR is a voluntary organisation that offers a special service to the police, RAF Search and Rescue Units, other emergency services and local councils throughout Kent, and the rest of the UK if called upon.

KSAR is manned by volunteers and is operational 365 days a year. Activated at the request of emergency organisations, they help track missing and vulnerable people.

When the minibus was decommissioned, officers at force headquarters saw a chance to put it to good use.

Chief Inspector Simon Black from the force contact and control centre said: "The volunteers at Kent Search

Police minibus gift boosts rescue crew

and Rescue are a very special group of people. At Kent Police we are extremely grateful for the assistance they offer, both to us and to members of the public all across the county. Kent Search and Rescue's need for a new control vehicle coincided with this minibus being decommissioned, and it is a gift from us to say thank you for all the hard work they do on behalf of the people of Kent."

David Ivatt, operations manager at Kent Search and Rescue said: "We will convert the minibus into a mobile control vehicle that can be

used throughout Kent, and will be used every time we are deployed to an incident. We had been fundraising for a new vehicle but were looking at having to pay about £30,000. This donation means that we will now be able to spend the funds we had raised on extra equipment."

Chief Superintendent Alasdair Hope, from Kent Police's tactical operations group, said: "We're delighted that the minibus is going to a good home where it will have a new lease of life helping individuals and families across Kent."



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Traders' dismay as superstore approved

By JENNA PUDELEK

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SUPERMARKET giant Tesco has won permission to build a store in Hawkhurst, despite widespread objections.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council turned down the original application, saying it would have "a detrimental impact on the vitality and viability" of the village centre.

But Tesco appealed against the decision and the Planning Inspectorate said the scheme should be allowed to go ahead.

It will see the former Arriva bus station in Rye Road demolished and replaced with a new branch of the supermarket.

The borough council also objected over concerns about increased traffic at the already-congested A268/A299 junction, concerns shared by Hawkhurst Parish Council.

Chair of the parish council, Keith Brown, said: "We are concerned because you cannot have an 82-space car park and not have a far greater movement of traffic."

"There is another car park a short distance down the road, it's going to



MOVING IN: Tesco has won permission for a new store in Hawkhurst

be like a clash of the Titans."

Howard Cox, chair of the Weald Business Association (WBA), said retailers in the area feared they would lose out to the buying clout and prices of the supermarket.

He explained: "We recognise that Tesco will bring employment and increase footfall, but they are going to go to Tesco. That's my worry."

"They are already getting one in Staplehurst, we are going to be surrounded by Tesco stores."

"I think it has a place, but they are destroying small villages and towns."

One of the conditions attached to the planning permission is the store cannot open a pharmacy or fresh-food counter.

But Mr Cox said local butchers, grocers and off-licences remained

concerned about the impact on their businesses.

Mr Brown said: "We felt the building was ugly and it would cause immense traffic problems and we are still of that opinion."

"In the report it clearly states there will be no impact on local traders, but that is absolutely impossible. Of course it will. We feel very concerned that we are going to lose the balance we have here."

"We have very good produce shops with a butcher, a greengrocer and a delicatessen. They have a hard core of followers, but they are certainly going to lose out."

Tesco says the store will increase shoppers for other traders and said no evidence suggested other businesses would lose out.

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Taskforce sets out Research firms 'in talks' over saving jobs

By **MARIJKE COX**

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A TASKFORCE set up to examine options to cope with the aftermath of drug giant's Pfizer decision to pull out of Kent has revealed it is in talks with a number of research companies which could help save jobs at the fated site.

The disclosure formed part of the group's 30-day report, drawn up in response to the announcement by the US-headquartered firm that it would be leaving the Sandwich plant at the end of 2012.

Up to 2,400 jobs are at risk, with an additional 3,000 under threat when taking into account contractors at the site.

The taskforce, chaired by Kent County Council leader Paul Carter and made up of local MPs and industry experts, was challenged with drawing up a report to show to Government, setting out plans to ease the impact of Pfizer's looming departure on the east Kent economy.

Presented to ministers on Tuesday, the paper revealed how Pfizer is in "detailed and commercial" talks with contract research organisations (CROs) which, if successful, could create economic activity at the site



CLOSING DOWN: Up to 2,400 people will lose their jobs by 2012, when Pfizer's Sandwich site is closed

and generate job opportunities.

The report also lists five phases of action, from preserving jobs at the plant to creating a long-term delivery plan for wider opportunities in the area.

These include designating east Kent as one of Government's proposed Research, Innovation and Technology Zones (RITZ), covering Sandwich and the Manston corridor.

Companies setting up there would benefit from tax breaks, lenient planning rules and National Insurance contribution holidays.

The report also calls for the cre-

ation of an East Kent Recovery and Growth Package, including the development of high speed rail access and a reduction in journey times from London to Thanet and Dover.

Leader of KCC and taskforce chairman Paul Carter said they would leave no stone unturned in stimulating business at the Pfizer site.

"Our report focuses on the opportunities presented by the world class skills and facilities built by Pfizer over the last 60 years," he said.

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MP for South Thanet, Laura Sandys, secured an adjournment debate last week to discuss her hopes for the Pfizer site, where she pressed Government to consider creating an enterprise zone.

Speaking after the release of the first taskforce report on Tuesday, she said such a zone could help stabilise the site and create new jobs.

"This aspiring proposition could see Sandwich and east Kent building on its existing skills base and leading the way in global enterprise, science and technology," she said.

"At the heart of the report are recommendations for finding ways that staff and the wider community affected are supported.

"To realise this vision, Government must sustain its momentum. It could



DETERMINED: Thanet South MP Laura Sandys and KCC leader and taskforce chairman Paul Carter

consider offering economic incentives to businesses relocating to the site and might also acknowledge that improving transport links to Thanet and Deal would make east Kent more attractive to investors.

"Along with my colleagues on the taskforce and local east Kent MPs, I will work tirelessly to attract new businesses to the site and support existing Pfizer staff with any business start-up ideas they might have."

Sandwich site head Ruth

McKernan said the immediate priority was to support staff through the transition. She added that discussions with third parties who could provide jobs to meet the skills and expertise of staff were continuing.

On a visit to Dover on Tuesday, shadow business secretary John Denham said Government needed to invest money in the future of east Kent.

"There are huge costs associated with 4,000 plus people losing their jobs. All spending power is taken out of the economy," he said.

"In the report I can't see a single promise of money."

Mr Denham also criticised the coalition's decision to cut regional development agencies (RDAs), such as Seeda, claiming the newly-formed Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP) did not have enough power.

Work on a second report has commenced.

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WINDOW SEAT: Turner was a regular visitor to this guest house

Turner's seaside retreat

A PAIR of Victorian photographs which turned up during a clear-out at a local library have thrown new light on artist JMW Turner's visits to Margate.

They show the home of seaside landlady Sophia Booth, where the artist set up residence.

It is on the same ground the brand new Turner Contemporary is due to open on next month.

Turner used to sketch skies and passing ships while sitting next to an upper floor bay window.

Mrs Booth's home has since been demolished.

Turner first came to the town as an 11-year-old boy with his uncle in 1786. He visited the town regularly and went to the newly widowed Mrs Booth's guest house in 1832.

She became the artist's mistress and bore him two children.

Eventually Turner set up home with her in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea using her name. He died there in 1851, and was buried in St Paul's Cathedral.

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Exhibitors buoyed as holiday fever hits Archant KOS Media's ever-popular event

'Phenomenal' response as crowds flock to show



CROWD-PLEASER: Dover Cruise Terminal hosted the fourth Archant KOS Media Travel and Leisure Show which was attended by thousands eager to plan their holiday abroad or trips around the UK

THOUSANDS of people turned out for Archant KOS Media's celebrated Travel and Leisure Show, *writes Marijke Cox.*

For a fourth year running Dover Cruise Terminal was packed out as people flocked to the annual event on Sunday to plan a holiday or day trip with advice from leading travel companies and groups.

Visitors were treated to presentations from industry experts as well as information from a French contingent who took part in the show for the first time since it launched in 2007.

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Guests were also in with a chance of winning from one of more than 100 top prizes including a two-week cruise courtesy of Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines and weekend breaks in the UK or France.

Other prizes included entry to some of the county's most popular attractions and dinner at a selection of top French restaurants.

Tickets for West End musical Les Misérables, overnight stays at leading hotels and B&Bs, and falconry lessons

at Quex Park in Birchington were also up for grabs. The winners will be notified shortly.

KOS Media events manager Liz Hare said the show was "phenomenal".

"Exhibitors were saying it was even better than last year and some were already talking about coming to next year's show," she said.

"It was so busy that at one point someone said it was busier than a lot of the London shows.

"For the Fred. Olsen presentation it was standing room only. We were trying to squeeze people through the door.

"The Lullingstone Castle presentation went really well too – people came out saying how fabulous the speaker was and that they could have listened to him all day.

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Butterflies 'at risk' as climate change ends hibernation

By **JILL HURST**

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CLIMATE change and the erosion of the green belt are driving the butterfly to extinction in Kent.

Mild weather is prompting the insect to emerge much earlier from hibernation, but the plants it feeds on will not yet have grown. This Peacock butterfly (pictured) was snapped by wildlife photographer and conservationist Kerry King last week in Sandling Park, near Hythe – six weeks earlier than expected.

Mr King says global warming isn't the only threat to the creature's survival.

He explained: "Urban development, modern farming techniques and poor woodland management are some of the reasons our resident butterflies are on the decline."

"Ten years ago it would have been unheard of to build on greenbelt land, but with an ever-growing population, councils are under pressure to give it up to property developers, so natural habitats are being wiped out."

Mr King says he fears instability in weather patterns will only make matters worse, as nature reserves around the Kent coast – including the Isle of Sheppey and New Romney – are lost to the sea.

"Experts predict the tide will be 10ft higher



Picture: KERRY KING

EARLY: This beautiful Peacock butterfly was spotted in Sandling Park last week

within the next 20 years and parts of the Kent coast will disappear. It's not just the butterfly that will be lost, but many other species too."

Research recently published by the Wildlife and Countryside Link indicates the Government is still failing to stop the decline in UK wildlife.

Dr Martin Warren, chief executive of Butterfly Conservation, said "This is a damning report that shows the UK's wildlife is still in a dire state. Although the process has galvanised some excellent projects, overall progress has been strangled by lack of resources for nature conservation."

"The latest round of Government cuts will make it far more difficult to turn this round. We need more action and more resources."



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Heart op scientists' EU boost

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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MEDICAL scientists have won £750,000 funding for a groundbreaking research project aimed at improving treatments for heart patients.

Experts based at the University of Greenwich's Medway campus are working on a new form of stent – tiny artificial tubes that open up the arteries – that will slowly release drugs into the bloodstream.

The scientists hope to attract major commercial interest both in the UK and Europe once they have produced the first prototype.

Professor Jeremy Everett is head of pharmaceutical, chemical and environmental sciences at the university.

He said: "We are excited about the possibilities of improving cardiac medicine with this new technology."

"While stents have been around for many years, statistics show they can unfortunately still lead to post-operative complications and sometimes death after heart surgery."

"With our new type of stent we are hoping to decrease these complications and both extend and improve the lives of patients after surgery."

The new stent is being developed by the Medway scientists in partnership with two universities in Lille, France, with the funding provided by the European Union's Interreg programme.

Stents are most commonly used after angioplasty surgery, which is the technique of widening a narrowed or obstructed blood vessel.

More than 45,000 angioplasties are carried out each year in the UK alone, and it is estimated the number is even higher in France.

"Our stent will have a special plastic coating which will slowly deliver one or more drugs

into the bloodstream," said Dr Dennis Douroumis, senior lecturer at Medway's School of Science.

"This will help tackle problems that can arise around the heart such as infections, inflammation and thrombosis, or the clotting of the blood."

The breakthrough is the second in just over a year for the university, following the publication in February, 2010, of research in the area of drug targeting.

A team of scientists led by Dr

Simon Richardson was able to provide direct evidence, for the first time, that nano-medicines can be delivered straight to a specific organ inside a cell.

The work was praised at the time by the respected scientific journal, the *Journal of Controlled Release*.

Dr Richardson said: "We are trying to smuggle healthy genes into cells. Our research is at the cutting edge of efforts to turn gene therapy and molecular medicines from risky and sci-fi to safe and routine."



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Wills and Kate a close-knit couple

AS THE countdown to the wedding of the year has begun, we're all going to have to get a move on to ensure we have the ultimate souvenir of the occasion ready on time; 'The Knit your own Royal Wedding'.

Knitting patterns for ten 'characters' from William and Kate's nuptials include the bride and groom, the Queen, Archbishop of Canterbury and of course, don't forget the corgis.

The designs are featured in a £9.99 book by Fiona Goble; however the making of the characters cost a little more as to create the entire set will be around £80.

The research into each woolly Windsor family is perfect; height, skin colouring, and wardrobe features are amazing, each one taking an estimated five hours to make.

Amateurs are warned though that the designs' intricate details – such as Kate's diamante engagement ring and the jewels on her slippers – may cause them to drop a few stitches.

In their dreams! My efforts would be

more like 'knit one – purl one, drop four'.

For many the idea of knitting may seem old fashioned, but apparently nothing could be further from the truth.

Knitting has become fashionable again, with celebrity fans such as Julia Roberts and Cameron Diaz. The growing number of knitting circles mean they're the new book clubs for 2011.

It seems that the wonder of wool has taken over many peoples' spare time, with knitting groups being set up left right and centre.

Stitch 'n' Bitch

One of the latest trends is bands of women who have set up alternative knitting groups, dubbed 'Stitch 'n' Bitch'.

The idea is quite simple: women meet weekly in their homes, bars or cafés to knit, gossip and compare tricky patterns over a glass of wine.

It's also good news for the economy. Thanks to the rebirth of the craze after years of decline, the British wool industry is fighting back. Exports of wool are on the way up and knitting has once again become the hobby of the 21st century.

All sounds great – if only I could knit. I've have tried on numerous occasions.

I felt dreadful whilst expecting our boys when I'd attempted to knit mittens for my baby which ended up looking more like shovels than hand warmers. It was thanks to the skills of my aunts, who provided my newborn sons with some of their most treasured baby clothes.

It's the ultimate job application question though isn't it – what are your hobbies?

I must admit it's a bit of a stumbling block for me.

When do I have time for hobbies? My daily schedule is packed as it is – with work, dog walking, housework, cooking and Coronation Street – there's not a lot of time left – and yes, I do know I should make time, but sometimes it's easier said than done.

I'd be lying if I said I did on a regular basis those I could put on my CV.

Hopefully, the chances of my boss investigating the authenticity of those on my CV at present is slim. Mind you I will come a cropper if they were to ask to see my wakeboarding championship gold medals.

Perhaps I should revisit the knitting circle?

Where did I put those needles?



PAST-TIME: Knitting is becoming increasingly popular

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Serving up perfect tonic – rather than one tasteless joke

THINK hospitals and one of the first things people will joke about is the quality of the food.

Mass catering rarely takes plaudits for its culinary delights and for generations now the quality of the food served to patients has been criticised. What's more, recent figures from the NHS reveal more people than ever are leaving hospitals malnourished.

A recent Channel 4 Dispatches programme raised serious concerns about patients not getting the right quantity or nutrition from food and elderly people being left with no help to eat. All in all, a problem.

The new Tunbridge Wells Hospital at Pembury has been labelled a 'super' hospital – built under a private finance initiative (PFI), it cost £234 million and is the first in the country to have all single en-suite rooms. But does the food match the appealing hotel-like interior and forest views?

With just months to go until the new Pembury hospital opens, reporter **JENNA PUDELEK** was invited to sample some once notoriously suspect hospital catering to see if the food on offer could get her taste buds tingling



Keen to show that not all hospitals serve up the kind of slop seen in the Channel 4 programme, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust invited us along to sample what they offer patients.

To sum up, it wasn't at all bad. Yes, the courgettes were a bit mushy and the penne pasta a long way from al dente, but as the catering team pointed out, the majority of those eating it will be elderly sick people.

It wasn't tasteless and I would definitely go back for the summer fruits crumble. There also appeared to be a lot of thought going into planning menus, thinking up the sort of 'com-

fort food' people might want if they are ill and making sure it is nutritionally balanced.

Given the scale of the catering operation involved, it was never going to be haute cuisine, but it is impressive.

Sitting over coffees in the hospital's rather swish restaurant – don't try mentioning the word canteen here – Pat Demian, the trust's general manager of facilities, and Paul Rhodes, the hospital's catering manager, talk about the menu.

Mrs Demian, who promises I will sample "exactly the same" food as the patients, said: "I've stayed in several



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hospitals and compared to some this is very good."

The 512-bed hospital, which opens fully in September, has 10 wards each with a 'regeneration kitchen'. No, it's not something out of a sci-fi movie, but staffed by three members of the catering team who look after patients' meals and dietary requirements. The regeneration kitchen allows food to be heated up just yards from the patients' beds. When I'm taken up to one of the regeneration kitchens it's all very shiny, new and chrome, with a large, hi-tech, hotplate trolley containing a selection of the hospital menu.

THE two-week menus are being redesigned before the big opening in September, so at the moment the choice of food is the same across the trust's hospitals, the Kent and Sussex and Maidstone. The trust spends £3m a year on catering services. Plans for the new menu at Pembury include adding specific children's options, Mr Rhodes said.

Food is provided by a company called Apetito, which specialises in providing a frozen-meal delivery service for hospitals and care homes.

Offerings include puréed meals for those having trouble swallowing, choices for those with allergies, gluten-free diets, high-protein soups, meals for people with diabetes, low-fat choices, vegetarian choices and a few vegan options. There is provision for halal and kosher diets, too. Among the meals on offer are traditional favourites such as cottage pie, fish pie, stews, meat and gravy, mashed potatoes, and corned beef hash. There are also sal-



HOTPLATE: Meals will be piping hot

ads, vegetable bakes, salmon and quiche, and various desserts.

Mrs Demian said a recent survey found 90 per cent of patients thought the food was acceptable or above.

"We now have a catering assistant based on each ward who will be speaking to patients on a daily basis," Mr Rhodes said. "They will report back any comments."

Mrs Demian described the meals as "comfort eating" designed to "make you feel good".

"Most hospitals give patients a menu card," she said. "Here they do not have to choose until the meal is in front of them."

ASKED how staff members ensure patients who need help eating are fed, they said their trays are marked in red. It all sounds good, although it's hard to know whether the experience of patients matches my own.

Asked whether it would be tastier all round if cooked freshly on site rather than heated up, Mrs Demian said: "The regeneration system gives great flexibility."

"Frozen food has a bit of an image problem, like hospital food. But it has moved on so much that the freezing technique holds all the nutritional value in the food. Because it is prepared in the regeneration kitchen, it comes out piping hot."

"The nutrition content is actually better than traditionally cooked food."

Up in the regeneration kitchen, Elaine Hasker, Apetito's catering consultant for the South East, talks us through the lunch options including tomato soup (very good), chunky vegetable, chicken and vegetable casserole, corned beef hash, fish pie, pasta provençal (tasty, although slightly overcooked), summer fruit crumble (lovely) and custard (good, not lumpy, and loaded with

extra vitamins, I'm reliably informed).

Asked whether the company was concerned about environmental issues such as using fish from sustainable sources, she said: "We are trying to reduce some of the cod we use and we are looking at moving over to hake and pollock."

"It is an ongoing exercise. Our product management team and full-time chefs look at food technologies and work on developing sustain-

able products so we do as little damage to the environment as possible."

Pembury has an enviable dilemma in this respect. With private rooms all equipped with flat-screen televisions, the level of basic care is going to be head and shoulders above that of the old-style wide, long, open wards that, for example, the Kent & Sussex has.

The bar will be raised so high that any short-

fall will be frowned upon.

Perhaps we, as patients, need to lower our expectations a little, too. It may, after all, look like a hotel, but perhaps expecting restaurant-quality food is a little unrealistic. At least it's moving in the right direction.

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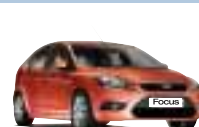
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Beetle wing dress has theatre lovers buzzing

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OUT, DAMNED SPOT: Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth in the shimmering dress

ONE of the most iconic dresses of the Victorian era – shimmering with 1,000 real beetle wings – is returning home to Kent, writes *Marijke Cox*.

The emerald and sea-green gown, which is covered in iridescent wings of the jewel beetle, was made famous by actress Dame Ellen Terry in her portrayal of Lady Macbeth in 1888.

The 120-year-old dress was one of the most iconic costumes of the time, immortalised by the John Singer Sargent portrait at the Tate Gallery.

Now, after 1,300 hours of painstaking conservation work costing £50,000, the gown is on display at Smallhythe Place, near Tenterden, where Ellen Terry lived between 1899 and 1928. House manager Paul Meredith said the beetle wings that had dropped off were collected and re-attached, along with others that had been donated by an antiques dealer.

"The 100 or so wings that were broken were each carefully repaired by supporting them on small pieces of Japanese tissue adhered with a mixture of wheat starch paste," he said.

"But the majority of the work has involved strengthening the



Picture: NPTL DAVID LEVISON

FINISHING TOUCH: The beetle wing dress has been restored

fabric, understanding the many alterations that were made to the dress and ultimately returning it to something that is much closer to the costume worn by Ellen on stage in 1888."

The actress, known as the Queen of the Theatre, was famed for her portrayal of Shakespearean heroines, and played opposite Sir Henry Irving at the Lyceum Theatre in London for more than 20 years.

Her beetle dress stage costume was one of the most important items in the National Trust's col-

lection and was on the priority list to be conserved.

Brighton-based conservator Zenzie Tinker and her team carried out the work.

"We have restored the original shape of the elaborate sleeves and the long, trailing hemline that Ellen so admired," she said. "If she were alive today, I'm sure she'd be delighted."

"She really valued her costumes, because she kept and reused them time and again. I'd like to think she'd see our contribution as part of the ongoing history of the dress."

The gown is now in a new display space at Smallhythe Place, alongside features from Ellen Terry's dressing room which have never been viewed by the public before.

The half-timbered house, built in the early 16th century when Smallhythe was a thriving ship-building yard, contains Ellen



Picture: NPTL DAVID LEVISON

ON DISPLAY: Ellen Terry's dress

Terry's fascinating theatre collection. The grounds include her rose garden, orchard, nuttury and the working Barn Theatre.

Mr Meredith said the setting was an intimate area, bursting with theatre history and stage costumes.

"Now the beetle wing dress is back and we finally have a really good contemporary display space, we hope to show many more people just how special the house and collections are," he said.

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Animals captured by photographers

By **NICK AMES**

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THESE are the stunning images captured by visitors to two of the county's top wildlife parks.

As part of its annual photography competition, the Aspinall Foundation last week picked the best of the bunch – all snapped in and around Port Lympne or Howletts wild animal parks.



The competition, which ran throughout 2010, set entrants the task of submitting the best images on any subject captured while visiting the popular parks.

The winner of the adult category was Andrew Walker with his shot Pouncing Tiger showing a Siberian tiger at Howletts, in Bekesbourne near Canterbury. Mr Walker also won the black and white section with his photo Ruffed Lemur.

He won a day at Port Lympne, near Hythe, with professional wildlife photographer Dave Rolfe, who has been photographing the animals at Howletts and Port Lympne for more than 25 years.

Mr Walker said: "I remember clearly the moments before and after taking the photograph of the tiger. It was the first time my wife and I had taken our family to Howletts.

"It was a lovely sunny day and we were all having a great time, we made it to the tiger enclosure by the afternoon where there was quite a crowd standing at the metal mesh gate near the pool. I hadn't noticed the glass viewing area at that point,



and I know if I had I would have stood there with my camera instead, but I am glad I didn't.

"My oldest daughter, Lucy, was standing in front of me while we

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watched the tiger walking through the water, I quickly set-up my camera and started following the tiger in my viewfinder, the tiger began to play then pounced towards us, I took a burst of three shots – this being the middle one.

"I immediately looked on the back of the camera to see if I had managed to get the shot. I was thrilled with the moment in time I had captured."

The winner of the junior section was Matthew Bourne with his image of an ostrich.

He said: "I was on a junior ranger day at Port Lympne and as we were walking around an ostrich came up to the fence and poked his head over."

"Someone in our group saw this and called everybody over, luckily for me I had my camera out and took a few pictures, it was so close no zoom was needed."

Junior highly commended was Jessica Lloyd with her image of a meerkat. Highly commended in the adult category were Vincent Catt with an image of a black rhino, Suzanne Kirk with her image of a lion-tailed macaque, and Dave Woodcock with his image of a pallas cat.

Highly commended in the black and white category was Barry Casse with his image of a western lowland gorilla. Naomi Trew was the winner of the mobile phone section with her image of Siberian tigers at Howletts.

As well as the winning photographs the competition also revealed the quirkier side of residents at the park as animal director at Port

Lympne, Adrian Harland, explained: "We very much enjoyed seeing these beautiful images and the winning photographs were exceptional."

"It was also a delight to see some of the more off-beat submissions that showed our animals expressing their distinctive personalities. We are dedicated to the animals in our care and to have these unique moments captured in time is very special."

STUNNING:
Andrew Walker's
picture of
a Siberian
tiger
(above) was
the overall
winner of
the contest



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LETTERS

LETTER OF THE WEEK

Fewer police, more violence

The recommendation to slash police overtime, combined with the cutting of 1,500 posts in Kent, can signal only one thing – the Coalition Government has adopted a new approach to crime which is soft on crime, soft on criminals.

No amount of spin or double talk by politicians can hide the reality of these measures. Reducing police posts, whether on the frontline or in the back office, will only lead to crimes going undetected, more criminals getting off scot free and police morale sinking to an all-time low.

Here in Folkestone, this idiotic reduction in policing can only result in the town becoming less safe by day and more dangerous by night.

Justice Secretary Ken Clarke exemplifies just how soft the Government has gone on crime, and how much he and his cabinet colleagues are placing us all at risk.

People carrying illegal knives, he tells us, should not now be locked up unless they use those knives – a policy that totally failed to stop a pitched knife battle in our midst on Marine Parade, and one that resulted in the fatal stabbing of someone who came to the country to seek our protection from the violence and lawlessness that so tragically ended his life.

An unfortunate incident, we are assured by Damian Collins MP, that will not be repeated in Folkestone now that young asylum seekers have been dispersed around the county. Time will tell, but I very much doubt he is right.

Sadly, it doesn't take a genius to work out that with 1,500 fewer police posts in the county, crime will increase, and so will the chances of more pitched battles in Folkestone.

Softly, softly, may catch the occasional monkey but this town needs a police force that catches criminals.

Donald Worsley, Folkestone

Cut the cost of rail and buses

The UK's Carbon Plan is a 'shallow compilation' of the Government's policies and 'offers little that is new', says Green Party leader Caroline Lucas. I can only agree.

The draft plan highlights three key changes which must take place across the UK – the way energy is generated, moving towards low carbon alternatives; in the ways homes and businesses are heated, including improved insulation; and in the way people travel, including better public transport and a shift towards new technologies such as electric vehicles.

But the real problem in this plan is that our local councils are not getting enough money to make the necessary changes and create new jobs.

The draft plan, now out for consultation, has many praiseworthy features but lacks adequate finances.

The obvious example in Kent and Medway is our highly-

OPINION: SMASHING CENSUS 'LIES'

The co-ordinator of campaign group NO2ID, **IAN TAYLOR**, explains why he believes the census is a pointless and intrusive waste of taxpayers' money

March 27 is Census Day. An awareness campaign is in full swing telling us how essential it is. About 30,000 officials have been recruited to oversee it at an estimated cost of £482 million.

This census will be more detailed than any previous ones. Daniel Hamilton, campaign director of civil liberties group Big Brother Watch said: "At 32 pages, the census includes intrusive questions on your proficiency in English, your health, when you last worked, the identities of your overnight guests and the type of central heating you have."

"This census is a monumental waste of time and money – a very intrusive way of duplicating information already available."

NO2ID has compiled a list of Ten Census Lies being promoted by the Office of National Statistics in its campaign:

1. It's essential for government and business planning.

It's worse than useless because it's expensive, inaccurate and quickly out of date. Eric Pickles said (in opposition): "Many councils have been short-changed in government funding because the last census failed to record properly the number of residents." Cabinet Office Minister Francis Maude said (summer, 2010): "There are, I believe, ways of doing this which will provide better, quicker information, more frequently and cheaper."

2. Our census data is trusted and respected worldwide.

Even if true, should we care? It is doing something essentially useless at a cost of £482m.

3. It's a great source for genealogy.

Some 100 or 200 years ago there was little record of most people's lives, hence old censuses can be useful as the only documents available. It is ludicrous to assume the same will be true in 100 years' time.

4. It's good for employment – it provides jobs.

Temporary ones. The money could be spent on something useful, supporting permanent jobs.



5. Data is confidential for 100 years.

Census forms are kept secret from the public for 100 years, but EU legislation allows the 2011 census to be shared with all 27 member states. The Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 created powers to share the information with public bodies, and "approved researchers".

6. It will produce a high-quality estimate of the population.

The Office of National Statistics cannot assert the quality or accuracy of the answers it receives as no-one knows how many people lie in their return. The 2001 census is generally believed to have 'missed' about 900,000 men under 40.

7. Everyone should be proud of playing their part.

There is no reason to be proud of being tallied like cattle and every reason to oppose the waste. In the 1800s, census officials had to be given police protection; in 1911 the suffragettes boycotted it; and in the 1950s TV publicity told people it wasn't "another bit of snooping".

8. Communities can gain recognition.

'Official recognition' is not the same as being categorised. In 2001, 390,127 recorded their religion as Jedi. The Board of Deputies says the census underestimates British Jews, precisely because some of that community are nervous of officials knowing where they live.

9. Completion is straightforward, convenient and secure.

New questions are more intrusive, requiring details of employers' addresses, and the details of any visitors to your house, and where else they might live. This is a direct danger to people who have sensitive occupations. The online version is a perfect cover for phishing attacks.

10. Information is protected by layers of security.

Security is only as good as the shortest route to breaking it. It's impossible to guarantee no breach, and that data will be used legitimately. They cannot protect it; they shouldn't collect it.

Some questions are optional – so miss them if you wish.

Ian Taylor

Co-ordinator, NO2ID (Dover)

Also member of Big Brother Watch.



Agency costs will outrage taxpayers

COUNTY Hall finance chiefs have made no secret of the fact that government cuts have forced them into a serious tightening of the purse strings.

Kent County Council must save £95 million this year and is planning to lose 1,500 jobs over the next three to four, so every penny spent in that time must be closely scrutinised to ensure Kent taxpayers are getting value for money.

It is therefore shocking that the authority should be paying more than £2,000 a day to secure the services of just three senior members of staff.

While it is understandable that certain positions cannot be left empty, workers who earn less than that amount per month will understandably feel aggrieved if it is they who end up losing their jobs in the name of council cost-cutting.

KCC has made much of the fact its current restructure programme will eventually save £20m. But that does not mean any costs which help deliver this saving – which some of the agency deals will – are fair game.

The council says it is paying "appropriate rates" to employment agencies, but it is doubtful whether the man in the street considers £2,000 a day "appropriate".

After all, he's been told often enough that "we're all in this together".

Malcolm Jackson? Never heard of him

MICHAEL Jackson visited hundreds of destinations around the world throughout his illustrious music career.

Screaming fans followed the late King of Pop wherever he ventured, so it probably came as something of a relief when he was granted a private function room on a P&O ferry back in the late 1980s.

Nevertheless, we can't help but wonder if his trip to Dover made him feel less than the superstar he already was by that point.

After all, on how many other occasions was he accidentally called Malcolm?

priced public transport. Our rail fares increased more than in other parts of the country this January and our bus fares are absurdly high.

A rational carbon plan must include making public transport a lot cheaper.

Dr Geoff Meaden, Canterbury

Cuts in oil use way forward

Terry Hudson (Letters, March 6), clearly does not live in the same world as the current Government.

This week the Government launched a carbon plan, admitting for the first time that radical cut-backs in oil use are necessary. Kent Green Party agrees.

There are two choices: One – cut back oil use, air pollution, noise pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and imports of oil; or two – follow the Terry Hudson approach and pretend there is an immense supply of cheap oil.

Since the International Energy Agency has indicated that the world's cheap, recoverable oil

supplies peaked back in 2006, prices will rise, UK imports of oil are liable to go up and we need to make drastic cuts in oil use before expensive imported oil drags our economy down.

We are importing about 18 per cent of the oil we use now, and this will rise as our North Sea oil production continues to decline.

The carbon plan and related policies are under-funded, but there is at least some recognition that we will have to find ways to move people and freight without oil as fast as possible. Fortunately, there has been a lot of research on this.

If the Chancellor chooses to cut fuel tax, despite the drop in motoring costs of 14 per cent between 1997 and 2009, it would not be the first time a government had sent out contradictory signals.

How can people afford to cut car use when our rail fares are the most expensive in the world and bus fares are so high?

Terry Hudson needs to target the Government for its failure to ensure people have cheaper, easier-to-access public transport. And he can target them for the lack of a consistent policy to cut out fossil

fuel use from transport as quickly as possible.

Don't blame the Green Party for being the messenger; blame the Government for not getting the message a long time ago.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party

Climate change evidence exists

So Phil Grainger continues with his Bible-based fantasies along with Donald Worsley's New Labour ones.

Mr Grainger tries to deny man-made climate change but provides no evidence, merely saying there have been floods before. But his reference to Noah and a world-wide flood takes the biscuit.

The facts are that climate change is clearly linked to man-made greenhouse gases over the last 200 years. If fossil-fuelled industrial activity hadn't taken place, the climate would not be changing like this.

The recent link to worsening flooding has been supported by

a 20-year survey of increasing ice melt from Greenland and Antarctica just last week by the US Geophysical magazine.

Even if the warming were natural, we would have to take the same measures to cut our greenhouse gas emissions and switch to renewable energy sources and better UK flood protection as the Joseph Rowntree Trust report said recently.

Donald Worsley's lament that planning laws which prevented Lydd airport on Romney Marsh getting through unimpeded by a public inquiry are another denial, not only of the need to curtail our emissions but also to ride roughshod over local opposition to the expansion.

The answer to jobs and the deficit in this time of climate change and unnecessary cuts is to implement the Green New Deal, which could create up to a million decent jobs; and the Robin Hood Tax on financial transactions, which has just been approved by EU MEPs.

Ray Duff, Folkestone



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WHITE
Ladd, mummy and daddy's little man. Love you Connor White.

LING
Paul & Tanya of Hawkhurst are pleased to announce the birth of their handsome son Morgan Jack Ling on the 4th March 2011 weighing 7lb 10z.

LUNNEY
Taylor Patrick Lunney born 1st March 2011 weighing 9lb. Son to Darren Lunney and Shelagh Jordan, brother to Connor and Reece.

MATTHEWMAN
Will and Lindsey of Canterbury are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son, Henry Arthur Andrew, born on 27th February weighing 7lb 5oz.

MOWATT-DYKES
Jon and Harriet of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of

their beautiful daughter, Ella Grace, on 1st March 2011. Ella weighed 9lb.

RITSON
Phil and Chloe of Herne Bay proudly announce the arrival of their beautiful son, Thomas James. Thomas was born at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, on 5th March 2011 at 1.55am and weighed 9lb 8oz.

SHEPHERD
Luke Thomas Shepherd born on the 28th February 2011. Son of Mark and Lisa Shepherd.

WINMILL
Melanie and Steven are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Freya Clare. A sister for Luke born on 28th of February 2011 weighing 8lbs 14oz.

DEATHS

DUNN
Maureen Sylvia Patricia Dunn of Faversham, wife of Alan Dunn, passed away on 5th March 2011.

HACKMAN
Iris Hackman passed away suddenly at her home in Dover on 5th March 2011, aged 74. Loving wife of late Ron, much loved mum and nan who will be sadly missed by us all. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 23rd March, 12.40pm at Barham Crematorium,

Kent. Flowers c/o W.J. Farrier and Son (01304 201 665) or donations if preferred to Cancer Research.

HUTCHINS
Vera Jessie Florence Hutchins of Herne Bay. Vera met Bill in 1944 whilst serving in the Royal Navy, they married on 24th February 1945. Vera passed away peacefully on 7th March 2011. A much loved wife, mother and grandmother who will be so very sadly missed. The funeral will be held on 21st March at Manston at 11am. No flowers by request but donations to Age Concern, Herne Bay.

KINKEAD-WEEKES
Mark Kinkoad-Weekes passed away peacefully at home on 7th March 2011, aged 79. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral service will take place at St. George's Church in Ramsgate on Monday 28th March at 2.00pm. All welcome. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research UK.

PAGE
Jeanette Page, nee Andrews, sadly passed away at the Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, on 9th March 2011. Funeral will take place at midday on 23rd March at Charing Crematorium. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

PAINE

Betty Phyllis Paine of Canterbury passed away peacefully at her home on 10th March 2011. The funeral will be held at Barham Crematorium on 21st March at 2pm. Family flowers only but if desired donations to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, c/o Lyons Funeral Directors, Canterbury.

ROGERS

Irene May (Rene) 18th May 1928 to 4th March 2011. On Friday 4th March 2011, at The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, Irene fell asleep safe in the arms of her beloved daughter Beverley. A treasured nan to her grandson Louis, adored partner to Doug and wonderful mum to Beverley. Funeral has already taken place. Irene touched the hearts of all who knew her. God bless, sleep tight, Beverley, Louis and Doug xxx

SLUDDER-ALDRIDGE

Sonny Lee, the beautiful son of Darren and Kim, came into the world on 4th March 2011 but sadly was only visiting. Sonny will be joining his brother, Jordan, and remaining in the hearts of everyone.

elected to serve, but within 12 months they fell out with the party hierarchy, joined the Conservatives but failed to seek voter approval at a by-election – a betrayal of those who in good faith had voted for them. The only way to bring integrity back into local government in the South East will be to vote for a strong Labour presence on May 5.
John Stockham, Folkestone

Give communities the right of appeal

There is much to commend the Localism Bill for its intention to empower local communities to “take charge” of planning in towns, villages and countryside, but it is defective in one vital aspect.

A developer is permitted to appeal against a refusal of planning permission, but the community has no equivalent right of appeal.

We have asked the bill scrutiny committee to recommend a community right of appeal, as distinct from a general third party right, which would enable determined ‘nimbys’ to frustrate the system in pursuit of narrow self interest.

A community right of appeal available only to town councils, parish councils and neighbourhood forums as described in the Localism Bill, would only be permitted where consent had been granted contrary to the policies in the relevant local development framework and would be entirely within the spirit of localism.

Such a provision would go a long way to dispelling the scepticism many have about the Localism Bill.

John Walker, chairman of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.

Our ideas to save services rejected

There is little doubt that the 24 per cent cut in Thanet council's budget over two years will have major impacts on services.

The Labour opposition to the current Conservative administration has warned for years that staffing levels were out of control and that the council's financial reserves have been depleted to a dangerous degree.

It is frustrating to be proved right, as the council approaches the car crash that will hit next year, after the local elections.

In a genuine attempt to mitigate some of the worst of the coming damage, the Labour group proposed two cost-neutral changes to the Conservative budget.

The first of these was to impose a pay freeze on all staff while we are facing staff redundancies, and to use the money saved to reduce the number of redundancies in service areas seen as priorities by residents.

The second suggestion was for councillors to take a 20 per cent cut in special responsibility allowances, and to use the £20,000 per year generated to reinstate the community grants that councillors can use to support community groups.

This was constructive stuff from an opposition group, a genuine attempt to help. It is a real shame that it was rejected out of hand.

Cllr David Green, Ramsgate

Rethink views on wind farm plan

I attended the drop-in session on March 3, presented by Ecotricity, regarding the proposed installation of six wind turbines, each nearly 400ft high.

I was surprised to see that the Burch's Rough wind farm does not really appear to be near Burch's Rough, but more Otterpool Lane.

The company has since sent an email to all those who attended, confirming that the proposal will now be called Harringe Brooks Farm. All those

innocent residents who think it doesn't affect them may need to think again.

Unfortunately Ecotricity has yet to amend its website, which isn't a good start. Sellindge, here we go again.

Penny Knight, Sellindge

Equality fight has a long way to go

This week in the European Parliament we marked the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day by voting on a report on gender equality and female poverty in the EU.

Since the movement began 100 years ago in America, the world has made incredible progress towards recognising women's rights.

Today women have the vote, they have employment opportunities that were never open to them before, and they have the independence to make choices, rather than being subjugated in a patriarchal society.

As a woman elected to an international parliament I celebrate these advances.

But much more progress is needed. In Europe there still exists a glass ceiling for women in the business world; differences in pay are unacceptable; and we still don't see many positive senior female role models.

A poll for International Women's Day found that six out of 10 women aged between 15 and 30 have experienced sexist remarks or behaviour, and nearly half do not think they are treated equally to men.

Progress is worse across the world. In some countries women are still fighting for electoral recognition and other abuses of women's rights still occur.

Rape is used as a weapon of war, female infanticide still occurs in large parts of Asia, female genital mutilation is practiced in many countries, and intolerable controls exist over women's dress and behaviour.

Women and men all over the world must offer to help women still struggling to assert their natural rights. My work in the European Parliament is involved in the fight to free women from the gender discrimination that still condemns them, and I know that many of my constituents will support me in this work.

Catherine Bearder, Lib Dem MEP for Kent

Climb three peaks for heart research

National heart charity, Heart Research UK, is calling on everyone to join their flagship fundraiser, the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, on Saturday, June 18.

Now in its 15th year, the 25-mile walk covers three of the highest peaks in the Yorkshire Dales – Pen-y-Ghent, Wharfedale, and Ingleborough.

The challenge provides the opportunity to soak up some of the spectacular scenery that Yorkshire has to offer, get your heart pumping and help raise money for pioneering research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease.

Walking regularly is excellent exercise to keep your heart healthy. It helps tone your muscles, improves circulation and can help you to relax.

Taking part in an organised event like this is a fantastic way to raise money and find the motivation to form a regular exercise routine.

This year, the charity is introducing a new team challenge trophy. Teams of six or more people will get the chance to win a brand new trophy.

Heart Research UK does not charge an entry fee, but asks that walkers raise as much money as possible.

For details of the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, contact Heart Research UK on 0113 234 7474, email fundraising@heartresearch.org.uk, or visit www.heartresearch.org.uk/events/yorkshirethreepeakschallenge

Barbara Harpham, national director, Heart Research UK

We must hang on to our green spaces

Just recently I had passed to me a Horticultural Trades Association leaflet, published as part of its campaign to explain what contribution open spaces make to us all, especially those of us in towns and cities.

It makes simple sense when it points out that community cohesion, climate change, health and the economy all benefit from the effects of green spaces.

This research and its publication in a leaflet are well-timed when open green spaces in towns are threatened as they are now.

Look at what we have lost just in the Rochester area in the last few years: Copperfield old allotments; Priestfields flower nursery; part of Thomas Aveling school playing field; and since 2009 Temple Marsh old recreation ground included for housing.

The irony is that there is plenty of brownfield land around. Look at Rochester Riverside, left undeveloped while patches of green are used up.

Now is a good time to simply stop and say we must do more to hold on to our green spaces.

Derek Munton, Rochester

Elderly may choose sheltered housing

Having read the letter written by Siobhan Drane, Bupa's community affairs manager, I am wondering if any member of the Government read it also.

Why does the Government insists that the elderly wish to stay in their homes on their own?

My mother spent many happy years in

sheltered housing. She was independent in her own apartment, but she could also join others for coffee and social times in the communal areas.

It would also mean that the carers have less distance to travel, which would mean fewer cars on the road and the elderly who need a bit of help would be helped at better times.

We have a number of carers who visit the area where I live, and some elderly people are visited as early as 6am and put to bed at 4pm purely because the carer has so far to travel between clients.

I would be interested if a survey was done on this matter. I want the elderly to be safe and have company.

Irene Robinson, Allington

Lib Dem claim of hard work refuted

Inevitably, Kent Liberal Democrats will try to put a brave face on their slump in popularity as the country at large feels the effects of their dodgy deal with the Tories.

The claim by Lib Dem activist Peter Carroll that their councillors are elected “based on their hard work, local campaigning and desire to serve” is stretching the truth.

Reference to Shepway council's website reveals that Cllr Carroll does not sit on any committees, and of the last six full council meetings, he has made an appearance at only two. Hardly a record of diligent representation.

When the Lib Dems had control of Shepway council, the electorate was unfortunate enough to experience the feuding, back-biting and unprincipled opportunism which are the hallmarks of the party.

In Harbour ward, Folkestone, for example, at the local elections in 2007, two Lib Dems were



Work places needed for apprentices

BUSINESSES in Swale have been challenged to recruit 100 young people to apprenticeships by the end of the year.

The Year Of The Apprentice scheme, launched by Swale council in partnership with Kent County Council and the Kent Association of Trading Organisations, will ask 100 local employers to do their bit to help boost the economy.

A business breakfast was held at Hempstead House, Sittingbourne, on Wednesday to officially launch the project.

Swale council's cabinet member for regeneration, learning and skills, Cllr John Wright, was among those in attendance.

He said: "While helping to combat unemployment in the borough, apprentices can also allow your business to access the new skills, ideas and enthusiasm that young people can provide to help you thrive and retain a competitive edge.

"Unemployment among young people is an issue affecting Swale, and apprenticeships can provide an ideal route through which young job seekers can be given new opportunities.

"The process of employing an apprentice now is not as time-consuming as some may have found in the past. Placing the right candidates to the right workplace is key.

"Help yourselves by choosing to employ an apprentice."

Workshops run by the Kent Apprenticeship Service will start next week to provide businesses with more details about what taking on an apprentice means.

The first will be held at the UK Leisure Club, Sittingbourne, from 9.30-11am on Monday, March 21.

The Sheppey Healthy Living Centre will host the second workshop at the same time on Wednesday, March 23, with the final being held at Brogdale Farm, Faversham, on Monday, March 28.

For more information or to book, call Catherine Harvey on 01795 417216 or email catherineharvey@swale.gov.uk.

Keep Kent Working! It's jobs for Kent

Training centres are 'beacons of excellence'

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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KENT'S vocational training centres have been praised in a report that is otherwise highly critical of skills-based learning in the UK.

The Government-commissioned review by education expert Professor Alison Wolf found that hundreds of thousands of young people were on vocational courses which did not lead to university or a job.

But the same report recognised Kent's training centres as "beacons of excellence" that ensure young people can access the specialist programmes they want, ranging from engineering and construction to catering and social care.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "We welcome this report, which reinforces the innovative work that we have been developing over a number of years.

"I strongly believe that one size does not fit all when it comes to education, which is why Kent has championed and pioneered vocational education alongside the traditional academic subjects."

There are currently standalone vocational centres in Dover and Thanet, with two in Swale and one due to open in Maidstone.

The rest are based in schools, including Thamesview School in Gravesend, Herne Bay High School, the Towers School in Ashford, and Pent Valley in Folkestone.

Cllr Carter said: "There are more than 8,000 students in Kent benefiting from this trail-blazing programme, learning skills which employers in the county are crying out for.

"Industry is at the heart of the vocational programmes and we are working with leading firms to tailor these courses.

"We are developing a skilled generation ready for the world of work, and I would be delighted to showcase our programme to other councils and business leaders."

The Wolf report recommends a radical shake-up of vocational education in England, and says all pupils should study a core of academic subjects until they are 16.

At the moment some qualifications count



SHINING EXAMPLES: Report praised skills-based training at Kent's vocational centres

for the equivalent of four GCSEs, which the report says provides "perverse incentives" for students to be steered into notching up strings of qualifications which may not help them into work or higher education.

It adds: "The staple offer for between a quarter and a third of the post-16 cohort is a diet of low-level vocational qualifications, most of which have little to no labour market value.

"Among 16-19-year-olds, the review estimates that at least 350,000 get little to no benefit from the post-16 education system."

The Wolf report calls for more high-quality apprenticeships for young people and for employers to be part-subsidised to offer them.

It also says it should be made easier for teachers from further education colleges to teach in schools.

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Rotarians help youngsters pick up the language

VOLUNTEERS from the Rotary Club of Ramsgate are helping to teach English to foreign students at the Marlowe Academy.

For the past year the Rotarians have spent one day a week coaching small groups of students learning English as an additional language.

Youngsters from as far afield as Iraq, Afghanistan, Albania, Poland and Lithuania have benefited from the scheme so far, thought to be the first of its kind in Thanet.

Rotarian David Blackwell said: "When you consider what some of the children have been through to get here, it is up to us to give them the support so they can be effective members of the community."

"If we can help with reading, afterwards comes qualifications and from there comes a job so that they can enjoy a role in local society."

"So with a bit of support they have a chance, an opportunity."

Some of the pupils at the Marlowe have little or no formal education in their own language, so staff are charged with not only teaching them English but also how to apply it to other subjects and in exams.

Many of the foreign students go on to achieve great success at university.

Former Rotary president Paul



COACHING: Rotary Club volunteers are helping out at the Marlowe Academy

Parpworth said: "It is amazing how quickly they learn. There's one boy in particular from Albania who picks it up very quickly and easily."

"Some of the Afghan boys could not even read or write in their own language."

"We strike up a particular bond with students. One Afghan boy, Haroon, came to our club with Marlowe principal Ian Johnson about 18 months ago. He even came out with our Christmas float helping to collect money for charity."

"Recently he's gone on a course at the fire station, so his English has improved and maybe that is something with which we have helped."

Honda experts' visit gets pupils thinking

CHILDREN from the Archbishop's School in Canterbury, took part in a 'thinking skills' workshop delivered by education experts from Honda.

The Japanese car manufacturer runs a School of Dreams programme using innovative learning techniques to help young people to understand the importance of pursuing their ambitions.

Children from local primary schools also took part in the workshop, which was held on Tuesday and Wednesday.

A Honda spokesman said: "The workshop is challenging but great fun. Teachers and pupils work at the same level in small groups, learning how to turn their dreams into reality by learning from real-life examples of people who already have."

The School of Dreams programme has been delivered in more than 100 schools over the last three years, directly engaging about 5,000 students and educators.

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Clinic on shortlist for law gong

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With offices at the Canterbury and Medway campuses of the University of Kent, the clinic teaches law students by providing a free legal advice and representation service to local people in need.

Highlights of its achievements during the

past year include more than a dozen students helping a group of villages to successfully defend their use of four public rights of way through ancient woodland south of Canterbury.

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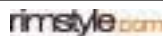
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To apply/more information:
Canterbury Health Practice
monique@canterburyhealthpractice.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: Rec Aug10

Administrator and PA to Doctor

Canterbury
Salary TBC
To apply/more information:
Canterbury Health Practice
monique@canterburyhealthpractice.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: ISC1

Support Service Assistant

The Folkestone School for Girls
Salary Kent Pay Scheme Band
To apply/more information:
Folkestone School For Girls
sdunster@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KoS

PQQ SUBMISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
piper@piperwindows.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

TRAINEE OFFICE MANAGER

Aylesham
Salary £8.00 - £9.50 ph to start
To apply/more information:
A & C Pumps Ltd
Pauline@thepumppeople.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Agriculture, Forestry, Environment

Gardener

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £9.00 per hour
To apply/more information:
DMS
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Catering, Hospitality

Part-time cook

Meopham/Wrotham
Salary Negotiable

To apply/more information:
Holywell Park Ltd
debbieholywell@aol.com
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Customer Service, Call Centre

Receptionist / Customer Service

Canterbury
Salary 14k
To apply/more information:
Canterbury Health Practice
monique@canterburyhealthpractice.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: Rec Aug10

Telephone Sales Executive

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos 2

Domestic

Care Domestic

Westgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Gordon Lodge
applications@kosmedia.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

IRONING SUPERVISOR

Maidstone
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Molly Maid
mollymaid_tunwells@tesco.net
Quoting Job Ref: kos

CLEANERS AND IRONERS

Maidstone
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Molly Maid
mollymaid_tunwells@tesco.net
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Domestic Trades

Caretaker

Rainham
Salary £15,039 - £16,440
To apply/more information:
Rainham School for Girls
frand002@medway.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Gardener

Tunbridge Wells
Salary £9.00 per hour
To apply/more information:
DMS
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Education, Teacher, School

TROWEL TRADES TECHNICIAN

Broadstairs
Salary £7,990-£8,896
To apply/more information:
Thanet College
personnel@thanet.ac.uk
Quoting Job Ref: TTT001

TEACHER OF FRENCH

Tonbridge
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Hugh Christie Technology
College
jrutherford@hughchristie.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Part-Time Teacher of Music

Aylesford School - Sports College
Salary Main Scale

To apply/more information:
Aylesford School - Sports College
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref:

Teacher of English

Aylesford
Salary Main Scale
To apply/more information:
Aylesford School - Sports College
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Teacher of Mathematics

Aylesford
Salary
To apply/more information:
Aylesford School - Sports College
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Caretaker

Rainham
Salary £15,039 - £16,440
To apply/more information:
Rainham School for Girls
frand002@medway.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Graduate Teacher Programme

Gravesend
Salary £13,500 during training
To apply/more information:
St John's Catholic Comprehensive School
office@st-johns-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Support Service Assistant

The Folkestone School for Girls
Salary Kent Pay Scheme Band
To apply/more information:
Folkestone School For Girls
sdunster@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KoS

Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

TYRE FITTER / WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT

Ashford
Salary £8.50 - £9.50 per hour
To apply/more information:
Rimstyle Autodesign Ltd
sales@rimstyle.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Production Operatives

Mid Kent
Salary c£7.50/hour
To apply/more information:
Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1730

Graduate, Trainees

Graduate Teacher Programme

Gravesend
Salary £13,500 during training
To apply/more information:
St John's Catholic Comprehensive School
office@st-johns-gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Health & Beauty

Administrator and PA to Doctor

Canterbury

Salary 14k
To apply/more information:
Canterbury Health Practice
monique@canterburyhealthpractice.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: PA Aug10

Receptionist / Customer Service

Canterbury
Salary 14k
To apply/more information:
Canterbury Health Practice
monique@canterburyhealthpractice.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: Rec Aug10

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Health & Safety, Security, Defence

PQQ SUBMISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
piper@piperwindows.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

HR, Recruitment

In-house Recruitment Executive

Mid Kent
Salary c£18,000 plus bonus
To apply/more information:
Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1728

PQQ SUBMISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Ramsgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
piper@piperwindows.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Relief Catering Manager/Chef

Rochester
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Rochester Cathedral
deanspa@rochestercathedral.org
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Management, Senior Positions

Relief Catering Manager/Chef

Rochester
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Rochester Cathedral
deanspa@rochestercathedral.org
Quoting Job Ref: kos

TRAINEE OFFICE MANAGER

Aylesham
Salary £8.00 - £9.50 ph to start

To apply/more information:
A & C Pumps Ltd
Pauline@thepumppeople.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Marketing, Advertising

Sales People

Canterbury
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Your Local Business Marketing
info@yourlocalbusinessmarketin
g.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Motor Trade, Driver

TYRE FITTER / WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT

Ashford
Salary £8.50 - £9.50 per hour
To apply/more information:
Rimstyle Autodesign Ltd
sales@rimstyle.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Car Sales Executive

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Invicta Motors
mpc21@summitg.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Not for profit, Charities

Fund Raisers/Instore Promotion People

Kent
Salary £6.50 PH plus bonus
To apply/more information:
Follow Your Dreams Ltd
sb@followyourdreams.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

SUPPORT WORKERS

Sittingbourne
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Country Care
ellenscourt@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS

TONBRIDGE, HILDENBOROUGH & SEVENOAKS
Salary £8.25 to £13.00 per hour
To apply/more information:
TerraBlu Ltd
emma.foord@terraflu.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Registered Nurses Days/Nights

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Westbank Care Home
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Health Care Assistants/Days

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Westbank Care Home
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Care Workers

Medway

Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
London Care PLC
amirul.ahmed@londoncare.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Part-time cook

Meopham/Wrotham
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Holywell Park Ltd
debbieholywell@aol.com
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Care Domestic

Westgate
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Gordon Lodge
applications@kosmedia.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

SENIOR CARER

Cliftonville
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Quality & Care
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Day & Night Flexi carers

Cliftonville
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Quality & Care
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Other

EARN AN INCREASING MONTHLY INCOME...

Kent
Salary TBC
To apply/more information:
Utility Warehouse
johnandsheila@minibills.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

WELLNESS COACHES

Swale, Medway
Salary £500-£1000+ per month
To apply/more information:
Arriba
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Public Relations, Media, Journalism

Senior Reporter

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Junior reporter

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

B2B Media Sales

Ashford Based
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Telephone Sales Executive

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos 2

Public Sector, Social Services

TEACHER OF FRENCH

Tonbridge
Salary Negotiable

To apply/more information:
Hugh Christie Technology College
jrutherford@hughchristie.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

SUPPORT WORKERS

Sittingbourne
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Country Care
ellenscourt@btconnect.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

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Salary £15,039 - £16,440
To apply/more information:
Rainham School for Girls
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Quoting Job Ref: kos

Registered Nurses Days/Nights

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
Westbank Care Home Borough
GreenrequireRegistered Nurses
Days/NightsHealth Care
Assistants/DaysFull/Part-Time-
Permanent/Bank HoursTo work
in a 40 bedded nursing
home.In-house training
provided.Please ring for
information01732 780066
To apply/more information:
Westbank Care Home
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Health Care Assistants/Days

Sevenoaks
Salary Negotiable
Westbank Care Home Borough
GreenrequireRegistered Nurses
Days/NightsHealth Care
Assistants/DaysFull/Part-Time-
Permanent/Bank HoursTo work
in a 40 bedded nursing
home.In-house training
provided.Please ring for
information01732 780066
To apply/more information:
Westbank Care Home
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Graduate Teacher Programme

Gravesend
Salary £13,500 during training
Graduate Teacher Programme
(GTP)As a graduate have you
considered a career teaching
via the GTP route? Salary:
£13,500 during trainingSt John's
Catholic Comprehensive School,
in collaboration with Canterbury
Christchurch University, is
inviting applicants to join our
Graduate Teacher programme
from September 2011 in English,
Maths, ICT, RE Further details,
including an application form, are
available from the school's
website, www.raaave.com or
from Muireann Casserly (EBT),
mcasserly@st-johns-
gravesend.kent.sch.ukThe
closing date for applications is
Friday 25th March 2011
To apply/more information:
St John's Catholic
Comprehensive School
office@st-johns-
gravesend.kent.sch.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

SENIOR CARER

Cliftonville
Salary Negotiable
Montague Court, Cliftonville
requires a SENIOR CARER Must
have NVQ2 or above Also Day
& Night Flexi carers Call
Alan or Jill on 01843 220090.
To apply/more information:
Quality & Care
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Day & Night Flexi carers

Cliftonville
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Quality & Care
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

EARN AN INCREASING MONTHLY INCOME...

Kent
Salary TBC
Distributors Wanted. Run your
own business without the usual
risks... and help people save
money! choose your own hours
full training and support up-front
bonuses earn a second income
on-going commission no stock to
carry. Find out more! Call: 0800
781 2433. www.minibills.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Utility Warehouse
johnandsheila@minibills.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KOS

Sales Co-Ordinator

Medway
Salary c£18,000
To apply/more information:
Interpersonnel
jfk@interpersonnel.ltd.uk
Quoting Job Ref: 1729

Sales People

Canterbury
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Your Local Business Marketing
info@yourlocalbusinessmarketing.com
Quoting Job Ref: kos

B2B Media Sales

Ashford Based
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Telephone Sales Executive

Ashford
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
ARCHANT } KOS MEDIA
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos 2

Car Sales Executive

Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells
Salary Negotiable
To apply/more information:
Invicta Motors
mpc21@summitg.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Fund Raisers/Instore Promotion People

Kent
Salary £6.50 PH plus bonus
To apply/more information:
Follow Your Dreams Ltd
sb@followyourdreams.org.uk
Quoting Job Ref: kos

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

LGV C+E (HGV1) Drivers

Mid Kent
Salary £8.50+ per hour
To apply/more information:
Best Connection Agency (The)
maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: KOS/AH/02

LGV C+E (HGV1) Drivers

Aylesford
Salary £9.25 - £14.00 per hour
To apply/more information:
Best Connection Agency (The)
maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk
Quoting Job Ref: AH04

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

BROMLEY GREEN ROAD, RUCKINGE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bromley Green Road, Ruckinge, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in rolling sections between the junctions with Capel Road and Hornash Lane.

The alternative route is via Capel Road and Hamstreet Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Ashford, as part of a programme of highway repairs and resurfacing.

The Order takes effect on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below. The dates of closures are planned to be weekdays only. Some roads are closed twice, initially for 1 day for Surfacing and then 1 day for sweeping and lining.

WYE ROAD, WYE / FOLLY TOWN, WYE / THE STREET, HASTINGLEIGH

From 7 April 2011 to 18 April 2011
Alternative route via Scotland Street, High Street Churchfield Way, Bramble Lane, A28 Canterbury Road, Ashford Rd, White Hill, Shalmsford Street, The Downs, Chartham Downs Road, B2068 Faussett Hill, Stone Street, Thorne Lane, Dean Hill and Elvington Park

CHURCH LANE / LONGROPE, SHADOXHURST
From Woodchurch Road to Birchett Lane
From 14 April 2011 to 19 April 2011
Alternative route via Woodchurch Road, Hornash Lane, Hamstreet Road and Birchett Lane

PLURENDEN ROAD, WOODCHURCH –
between Shadoxhurst Road and Bethersden Road
From 15 April 2011 to 21 April 2011
Alternative route via Shadoxhurst Road, Redbrook Street and Bethersden Road

MAYTHAM ROAD, ROLVENDEN for entire length
From 19 April 2011 to 5 May 2011
Alternative route via A28 High Street, Tenterden Road, Rolvenden Hill, Rolvenden Road, Small Hythe Road and Wittersham Road

GIGGERS GREEN ROAD, ALDINGTON
Surfacing on 10 May 2011 (1 day) then sweeping & lining on 17 May 2011 (1 day)
Alternative route via B2067 Knoll Hill, B2067 Roman Road, B2067 Aldington Road, Lympne Hill, West Hythe Road and Lower Wall Road

ASHFORD ROAD, BILSINGTON –
from Bilsington Crossroads to Frith Road
Surfacing on 16 May 2011 (1 day) then sweeping & lining on 23 May 2011 (1 day)
Alternative route via Frith Road, Bank Road, Forge Hill, New Road Hill and B2067 Bilsington Road

IDEN LANE, EGERTON –
for entire length
From 20 June 2011 to 23 June 2011
There is no alternative route as it is a No Through Road. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so

The works are weather dependant and may be delayed by adverse conditions. Works that are missed will be deferred until later in the programme with the revised dates signposted on site.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

MORTIMER STREET, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Mortimer Street will be closed between the junctions with North Street and East Street.

The alternative route is via North Street, High Street and East Street.

North Street will become One-way, southbound only, between the junctions with Charles Street and Mortimer Street.

The alternative route for northbound traffic is via High Street, East Street, Charles Street and North Street.

Chapel Street will be closed between the car park entrance and the junction with Mortimer Street, and can be accessed via Charles Street and North Street.

THE STREET, KINGSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT underground cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on The Street, Kingston, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

It is planned the works will be carried out off peak between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The road will be closed outside 52-56 The Street. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Church Lane and Marley Lane / Westwood Road.

The alternative route is via Bonny Bush Hill, Black Robin Lane, Covet Lane, Turks Hill and Marley Lane

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DOVER) (TRAFFIC REGULATION AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO. 12) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and 4(2), 32(1), 35(1) 46 and 46, 49, 53 and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) at the junction of Upper Street with The Rise and on both sides of Upper Street fronting properties Rose Cottage, Robin Hill, Well Cottage, Myrtle Cottage, St Andrew's House and Trefoil.

The Order was sealed on 18 March 2011 and will come into force 21 March 2011.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover and at Session House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER) (WEIGHT LIMIT RESTRICTION) (AMENDMENT NO.) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under 1, 2(4) and part IV of Schedule 9 section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order prohibits any person to cause any vehicle capable of exceeding 7.5 tonnes gross weight from using the following roads subject to exemptions for loading and unloading, emergency service vehicles and public service vehicles:-

Name of Road	Length of road affected
Old Dover Road	From the junction with the A20 Western Heights Roundabout to the junction with South Military Road
Centre Road	Entire length
North Military Road	Entire length
Durham Hill	Entire length

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park Dover, and Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 11 April 2011.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

CHURCH HILL, STONE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Church Hill, Stone adjacent to level crossing.

The Order will become effective on 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 2 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Crossways Boulevard and Cotton Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Network Rail engineering works.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE, TONBRIDGE & MALLING, DARTFORD, GRAVESHAM, SEVENOAKS) (50MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) - TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 - THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the routes described in the Schedule.

The Order will become effective on Monday 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule	
Road Name:	A206 Bob Dunn Way, Dartford
Extent:	From the A282 to the roundabout with the A2026 Burnham Road
Dates:	Start: 4th April 2011 End: 7th April 2011
Dates:	Start: 8th August 2011 End: 11th August 2011
Road Name:	A289 Hasted Road, Gravesend (Wainscott Bypass)
Extent:	From M2 junction 1 to the Dillywood Lane Bridge
Dates:	Start: 8th April 2011 End: 15th April 2011
Dates:	Start: 12th August 2011 End: 19th August 2011
Road Name:	A2018 Shepherd Lane, Dartford
Extent:	From the roundabout of the A2 to the existing 40mph speed limit 100m before the roundabout with Rochester Way
Dates:	Start: 28th April 2011 End: 28th April 2011
Dates:	Start: 31st August 2011 End: 31st August 2011
Road Name:	A229 Bluebell Hill
Extent:	From the existing 50mph speed limit 30m Maidstone side of the Cobtree Manor Park entrance to the existing 50mph speed restriction 1/4mile from the M2 junction 3
Dates:	Start: 3rd May 2011 End: 10th May 2011
Dates:	Start: 1st September 2011 End: 8th September 2011
Road Name:	A249 Detling Hill M2 to Bearsted Road, Maidstone
Extent:	From the roundabout with Bearsted Road (Newnham Court Farm) to existing 50mph speed limit 250m Detling side of Harple Lane
	From existing 50mph speed limit 40m Detling side of Osbourne Drive
Dates:	Start: 11th May 2011 End: 18th May 2011
Dates:	Start: 9th September 2011 End: 16th September 2011
Road Name:	A20 Ashford Road, Maidstone
Extent:	From Old Mill Road to 50m Ashford side of the roundabout with the B2163 Penfold Hill
Dates:	Start: 19th May 2011 End: 19th May 2011
Dates:	Start: 19th September 2011 End: 19th September 2011
Road Name:	A20 Coldharbour Lane, Maidstone
Extent:	From the roundabout of the M20 junction 5 to the roundabout of the A20 London Road
	From the A20 London Road to the roundabout with St Laurence Road
Dates:	Start: 19th May 2011 End: 19th May 2011
Dates:	Start: 19th September 2011 End: 19th September 2011
Road Name:	A228 Snodland Bypass
Extent:	From outside Whittings Farm to the existing 40mph outside the Water Treatment works
Dates:	Start: 5th July 2011 End: 6th July 2011
Dates:	Start: 20th September 2011 End: 21st September 2011
Road Name:	A228 Hale Street Bypass
Extent:	From the roundabout with the B2015 to the roundabout with the B2160 Maidstone Road
Dates:	Start: 14th July 2011 End: 15th July 2011

Dates:	Start: 29th September 2011 End: 30th September 2011
Road Name:	A25 Sevenoaks Road, Ightham
Extent:	From junction with Rectory Lane to the junction of Pilar Box Lane
Dates:	Start: 19th July 2011 End: 19th July 2011
Dates:	Start: 4th October 2011 End: 4th October 2011
Road Name:	A25 Ightham Bypass, Ightham
Extent:	From the junction of Rectory Lane to the junction of Borough Green Road
Dates:	Start: 19th July 2011 End: 19th July 2011
Dates:	Start: 4th October 2011 End: 4th October 2011

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway maintenance works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Steve Bradley of Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

DEVON ROAD, SOUTH DARENTH - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Devon Road, South Darenth between Cedar Drive and Water Mill.

The Order will become effective on 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 4 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Devon Road, Cedar Drive, A225 Main Road, station Road Horton Kirby, Horton Road, Holmesdale Road and Devon Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new footway across a river culvert.

RECTORY LANE, HEVER - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Rectory Lane, Hever from its junctions with Uckfield Lane and Pigdown Lane.

The Order will become effective on 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 6th April 2011 and last 6 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Uckfield Lane and Pigdown Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of replacement water main and lateral services.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY) (RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of the eastern side of Coast Drive, Lydd on Sea and The Parade, Greatstone:

From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 144 and 146 The Parade for a distance of 80 metres in a northerly direction.

From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 176 and 178 The Parade for a distance of 50 metres in a northerly direction.

From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 198 and 202 The Parade for a distance of 50 metres in a northerly direction.

From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 268 and 270 Coast Drive for a distance of 50 metres in a northerly direction

From a point opposite a point in line with the common boundary of Nos 160 and 161Coast Drive for a distance of 20 metres in a northerly direction.

The Order was sealed on 18 March 2011 and will come into force 21 March 2011.

HIGHWAYS

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the offices of Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, between 9.00am and 5.00pm and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

CLAXFIELD ROAD, TEYNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of duct installation works for BT, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Claxfield Road, Teynham, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Claxfield Farm.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road, Lynsted Lane and Claxfield Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, FAVERSHAM (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to impose a one-way traffic flow on Various Roads, Faversham, on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 14 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of phases and alternative routes are as shown below.

WILLIAM STREET will become one-way eastbound for its whole length, from 4 April 2011 for up to 14 weeks. The alternative routes are via Park Road and Chapel Street or East Street

Phase 1 – ST MARY'S ROAD will become One-way northbound only, between the junctions with Beaumont Terrace and East Street
From 4 April 2011 for up to 6 weeks
The alternative route for southbound traffic is via East Street and St John's Road

Phase 2 – WILLIAM STREET
From 16 May 2011 for up to 2 weeks
Works in William Street between St Mary's Road and St John's Road

Phase 3 – ST JOHN'S ROAD will become One-way northbound only, between the junctions with William Street and East Street
From 30 May 2011 for up to 6 weeks
The alternative route for southbound traffic is via East Street, St Mary's Road and William Street
The dates of the second and third phases are approximate guidelines, and may vary subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site. The Order is in force when the appropriate signs are in place.

VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Swale, as

part of a programme of Highway Micro-surfacing. The Order takes effect on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed. The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below. These dates include some weekend working apart from Bank Holiday weekends.

STERLING ROAD / FERNLEIGH, TUNSTALL
From 4 April 2011 until 9 April 2011
Access to be maintained via alternative junction

BRADLEY DRIVE / PARK DRIVE, SITTINGBOURNE
From 5 April 2011 until 8 April 2011
Access to be maintained via alternative junction

MURSTON ROAD/CHURCH ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE
(through to 10 metres north of Tonge Road)
From 6 April 2011 until 10 April 2011

Alternative route via A2 Canterbury Road, Hempstead Lane, Lower Road, Lomas Road and Tonge Road
There will be a suspension of the One-way Orders in respect of the following roads during this period, when the relevant signs are covered or removed, to allow access to residents
THOMAS ROAD between Murston Road and Cowper Road
GOODNESTONE ROAD for its entire length
SHORTLANDS ROAD between Murston Road and Cowper Road and between Harold Road and Goodnestone Road

COOMBE DRIVE, SITTINGBOURNE
From 7 April 2011 until 9 April 2011
Access will be maintained via alternative junction

OAK LANE, MINSTER
From 26 May 2011 until 31 May 2011
No alternative route as No Through Road - access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so

RASPBERRY HILL LANE, IWADE – between Old Ferry Road and Basser Hill
From 27 May 2011 until 7 June 2011
Alternative route via Basser Hill, School Lane, The Street and Old Ferry Road

These works are weather dependant and may be delayed by adverse conditions. Works that are missed will be deferred until later in the programme with the revised dates signposted on site.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swanley

STATION APPROACH, SWANLEY - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Station Approach, Swanley from Goldsel Road for 60m.

The Order will become effective on 4th April 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 8th April 2011 and last 3 days; 15th April 2011 and last 3 days; 6th May 2011 and last 2 days and 22nd July 2011 and last 2 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Goldsel Road, Azalea Drive and Station Approach.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a mobile crane on the highway for Network Rail works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

A299 CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MANSTON (PROHIBITION OF OVERTAKING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public during construction of the new East Kent Access Road, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting overtaking on

the southernmost carriageway of the southern most carriageway of the new A299 Canterbury Road West, Manston, between the new Cliffsend Roundabout and the Minster Roundabout.

This Order takes effect on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 18 months or until the works have been completed, as and when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 34) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of road:-

MILLMEAD ROAD – on the southern side between points 10 metres north west and 10 metres south east of the junction with eastern arm of Western Road.

MILLMEAD ROAD – on the southern side between points 10 metres north west and 10 metres south east of the junction with Arlington Gardens.

WESTERN ROAD (eastern arm) – on both sides from the junction with Millmead Road for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction.

ARLINGTON GARDENS – on both sides from the junction with Millmead Road for a distance of 10 metres in a south westerly direction.

This Order also proposes to remove the school keep clear markings in Millmead Road and a proposed new zebra crossing will be located near to this location.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transport and Development Team Leader, Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to eastkent@kent.gov.uk by noon on 11 April 2011.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 (ZEBRA CROSSING – MILLMEAD ROAD, MARGATE)

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, propose to establish a crossing (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all their enabling powers, as follows:

MILLMEAD ROAD, MARGATE
25 metres south east of the junction with the eastern arm of Western Road

The existing "school keep clear" markings will be removed.

Dated 18 February 2011

Dave Barton
Transport & Development Manager

VARIOUS ROADS, THANET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Various Roads, Thanet, as part of a programme of highway resurfacing.

The Order takes effect on or after 4 April 2011 for up to 3 months or until the works have been completed.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below. These dates include some weekend working.

APPROACH ROAD / NORTHDOWN PARK ROAD, MARGATE

From 4 April 2011 until 7 April 2011

Alternative routes

EAST BOUND – Dane Road, Upper Dane Road, Millmead Road and Laleham Road

WEST BOUND – Northumberland Avenue, Northdown Road and Wilderness Hill

LOWER NORTHDOWN AVENUE / WYNDHAM AVENUE, MARGATE

From 4 April 2011 until 7 April 2011
Alternative route via Northdown Park Road, Northumberland Avenue and Northdown Road

NORTHDOWN WAY, MARGATE
From 4 April 2011 until 9 April 2011
Alternative route via Northdown Park Road, Millmead Avenue, Millmead Road and Northdown Way

ST ANTHONY'S WAY, MARGATE
From 4 April 2011 until 9 April 2011
Alternative route via Northdown Park Road, Millmead Avenue, Millmead Road and Tenterden Way

TENTERDEN WAY, MARGATE
From 4 April 2011 until 9 April 2011
Alternative route via Millmead Road, Northdown Way and St Anthony's Way

MARSHALL CRESCENT, BROADSTAIRS
From 6 April 2011 until 12 April 2011
Access will be maintained from the other junction with Wilkes Road

(WEST) DUMPTON LANE, RAMSGATE
From 9 April 2011 until 13 April 2011
Alternative route via Ramsgate Road, Hereson Road, Cecilia Road and Dumpton Lane

BUTTS ESTATE, MINSTER – DOMNEVA ROAD, ST MARY'S ROAD, THORNE ROAD, MOLINEUX ROAD & TAYLOR ROAD
From 11 April 2011 until 15 April 2011
There are no alternative routes for these roads. Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so

The works are weather dependant and may be delayed by adverse conditions. Works that are missed will be deferred until later in the programme with the revised dates signposted on site.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XQ

Dated 19th March 2011

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Swarling Manor, Petham, Canterbury**
Applicant: **Dr Christopher Lamb**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey
Head of Registration
1st Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, ME14 1XX



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Applications have been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as venues for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Weald of Kent, Maidstone Road, Headcorn**
Applicant: **Paul Street**

Name of Premises: **Eastwell Park Boat House, Eastwell Park, Ashford**
Applicant: **Martin Goodman**

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Bell Hotel, The Quay, Sandwich**
Applicant: **Mr Matthew Collins**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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HIGHWAYS

Highways – District of Sevenoaks

HALE OAK ROAD, SEVENOAKS WEALD – (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Hale Oak Road, Sevenoaks Weald between Long Barn Road and Penhurst Road.

The Order will become effective on 21st March 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 25th March 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Bowzell Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

Highways – Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

(LABOUR IN VAIN ROAD WROTHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Labour in Vain Road Wrotham from outside Simmonds Builders Yard (between the access points for Finches Farm) on or after Monday 21st March 2011 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is Tumblefield Road and Plaxdale Green Road and vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to construct a new soakaway and drainage system . Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Jamie Finch on 0845 8247800.

KATHERINE KERSWELL

Group Managing Director
Kent County Council
County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 2XQ

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



PUBLIC NOTICES

Borough of Swale

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR488 IN THE PARISH OF GRAVENEY WITH GOODNESTONE**In The Borough of Swale**

Kent County Council

(Public Footpath ZR488, in the Parish of Graveney with Goodnestone)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close part of Public Footpath ZR488 at NGR TQ 056 638 (approx 100 metres west of Seasalter Road) from 4th April 2011

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen after one week.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on or near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route will be marked locally and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Michael Ellis Tel: (01303) 814534 Ext 209

Borough of Tunbridge Wells

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC256 (PART) FRITTENDEN PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 will divert the entire width of that length of Public Footpath WC256 which commences at the eastern boundary of St Mary's

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Services, on 0845 345 0210 (8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**KCC/SE/0059/2011 - Proposed development at Knole Academy, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3LE**

Knole Academy is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for the erection of a 2 storey modular classroom block and the provision of 3 additional multi use playing courts. The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG, or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively you can view it on Kent County Council's website (www.kent.gov.uk/planning).

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**KCC/CA/0044/2011 - Proposed development at St John's Board School, St John's Place, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BD**

St John's Board School is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the refurbishment and remodelling of the former St John's Board School. Demolition is to the horsa building. The proposed development is within a Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance, and also affects the setting of a Listed Building. You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW, or at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively you can view it on Kent County Council's website (www.kent.gov.uk/planning).

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 20 March 2011



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PLANNING

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/00405/FULMJ Land Adjacent Fosters Oast Haydesden Lane, Bidborough
- Extension of Time - Change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to use class B2 (General industrial use: Repair and re-furbishment of horse drawn carriages) (TW/05/01294 refers) (MAJOR)

11/00354/HOUSE The Cottage The Green, Brenchley
- Minor alterations to door and window locations (CA) (LB)

11/00589/HOUSE Cowden Horsmonden Road, Brenchley
- Double garage (LB) (PROW)

11/00590/FUL Cowden Horsmonden Road, Brenchley
- Removal of condition 2 of planning permission TW/00/00913 - The building shall not be used other than for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse (Cowden); Change of use of redundant farm buildings to ancillary residential use (LB)

11/00372/LBC Corn Hall Oast High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Installation of solar panels (Photovoltaic) (LB)

11/00621/FUL Trenley Farm Trenley Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Development of a two bay garage and store and four stables for private use with ancillary storage; Provision of new rear driveway; Development of 40m x 20m sandschool (LB)

11/00639/HOUSE 1 Wilsley Farm Cottages Angley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Two-storey extension to rear elevation (CA) (LB)

11/00641/LBC 1 Wilsley Farm Cottages Angley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building Consent - Two storey extension to rear elevation (LB)

11/00536/LBC Middle Cottage North Road, Goudhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Remove freestanding chimney pot/stack which is situated within the inglenook fireplace; Remove existing sand and cement pointing to inglenook chimney breast and re-point using traditional lime mortar; Repairs to inglenook (cosmetic) and fit woodburning stove (works already carried out) (LB)

11/00591/FUL The Bungalow Crowbourne Farm, Goudhurst
- Replacement oak framed traditional English dwelling with basement (amendments to TW/08/01342) (LB)

11/00546/FUL J K Security Ltd Grove Mills, Hawkhurst
- Change of use from office to residential (CA) (LB)

11/00600/HOUSE Cromwell House School Hill, Lamberhurst
- Removal of front canopy; Removal of timber conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension; Internal alterations and dormer window to side elevation (LB)

11/00601/LBC Cromwell House School Hill, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Removal of front canopy; Removal of timber conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension; Internal alterations and dormer window to side elevation (LB)

11/00608/FUL The Coach House The Down, Lamberhurst
- Conservation and conversion of the coach house to provide ancillary accommodation for the Down House; Insertion of two new casement windows with brick arched heads, substitution of one casement window in place of door opening, substitution of one casement window in place of modern window, both with matching brick arched heads (CA) (LB)

11/00612/LBC The Coach House The Down, Lamberhurst
- Listed Building Consent - Conservation and conversion of the coach house to provide ancillary accommodation for the Down House; Insertion of two new casement windows with brick arched heads, substitution of one casement window in place of door opening, substitution of one casement window in place of modern window, both with matching brick arched heads (LB)

11/00623/LBC 19 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of basement and ground floor flat roofed extension; Demolition of part of first floor entrance lobby and extension of roof to existing extension; Relocation of external staircase and associated alterations; Creation of new steps to provide rear access to shop (No. 19) and creation of rear external refuse store for No.19; Associated alterations to window and doors (LB)

11/00637/FUL Flat 1 11 Broadwater Down, Pantiles & St Marks
- Replacement of two external windows (CA)

11/00610/FUL Kent College For Girls Old Church Road, Pembury
- Two-storey Library and Arts Centre building with storage at attic level; Improved access through site and two new external courtyard spaces (LB)

11/00673/FUL Peacock Farm Lower Green Road, Speldhurst
- Installation of a 12.5 metre high replica telegraph pole, 1 no. equipment cabinet, 1 no. meter pillar and ancillary development thereto, to include 4 no. safety bollards (MAST)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting A Conservation Area (LB) Affecting A Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 19 March 2011



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Stylish Corsa leading Vauxhall sales charge

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by
STEVE LOADER

Vauxhall **Corsa**

VAUXHALL really took the fight to arch rival Ford last month with a total of 9,812 new cars registered – nearly 2,300 more than the blue oval brand.

Fittingly, at a time when consumers are downsizing fast, the charge was led by its Corsa supermini, but it was joined by four other Vauxhalls in the UK sales top ten.

Vauxhall attributes the surge to desirable models – the classy Insignia family-size model is a former European Car of the Year winner, while the Astra family hatch and Meriva compact MPV have been finalists –

and to its enhanced Lifetime Warranty package delivering increased peace of mind to buyers.

But the key reason, for me, is the former; Vauxhall's dramatic shift to making cars of perceived higher quality and style – the latter inspired by Vauxhall and sister brand Opel's British design chief Mark Adams.

It is clear from the revised Corsa that the marque really has now got a handle on what is needed to catch the eye of buyers looking increasingly for cars that please both heart and mind.

The Corsa's old 'V' grille has been replaced by a chrome signature bar featuring the brand's new Griffin design, which also makes it easy to accommodate the Opel equivalent for the Continental market.

This adds to a front end altogether sleeker, more cohesive and upmarket, and there are five new colours in the mix; I wouldn't normally get excited here, but there are some interesting shades, not to mention names like Chilli Orange metallic, Guacamole and – the colour of the car I tested – Sunny Melon.

The style gurus have had fun with the cabin too, creating seat trims such as Steel



Blue and Tabasco Orange and lots of high-lighting to meet the Corsa interior's need for extra fizz to attract younger buyers.

My test car had seats with a smart-looking tyre tread motif running through it, which triggered some pretty 'tyred' puns and wisecracks from we hacks, but such banter is usually a positive sign for feedback about the car under scrutiny.

It was certainly hard to fault my Sunny Melon yellow sporty spec SRi Ecoflex (air con version) three-door with its pokey yet frugal low emission 130PS (129bhp) 1.7CDTi: it really caught the eye with the

bright colour and generous standard equipment including 17-inch alloys, body kit and chrome exhaust. It also comes with steering wheel mounted audio controls, electric windows, cruise control, sports front seats and aluminium pedals.

But the real crowd pleaser was the sporty package delivering lots of low down urge, taut steering and revised suspension that gives better handling, while seeming to achieve a more relaxed ride than before.

However, while Corsa prices start at a modest £9,995, January's VAT rise has added to the impact of the fairly steep climb on list prices for better specified models – the test car starts at £17,390 and the new touch screen sat nav pack with USB link and Bluetooth, adds £750.

It's impressive and better value than packages on some rivals, but still takes this particular supermini to £18,140. To be fair, Vauxhall has kept price rises on the new range to a minimum despite the VAT hike, but you need to drive a hard bargain with the dealer in the current climate.



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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



The beast is back

WE MAY be witnessing the last hurrah of muscle cars in the UK, but Vauxhall's Aussie-derived VXR8 halo car is back on sale.

Priced from £45,000, it is around ten grand dearer than last time due to the fall-out between a strong Australian dollar and faltering UK pound, but 'The Thunder from Down Under' still represents remarkable value for money, is better specified than before, and drives considerably better.

But the fact that Vauxhall expects to sell just 30 of these rear-wheel drive 400+bhp monsters a year also underlines the model's wider value to the marque and its sporting VXR sub-brand as a publicity machine.

It looks the part, sitting on brutal-looking 20-inch alloys and featuring a new, 'Shockwave' grille, LED daytime running lights and tail lamps, sleek new wing-vents, 'Superflow' rear spoiler, and twin exhaust tips that mimic the shape of the front grille.

The throbbing 6.2-litre V8 will punch the VXR8 to 60mph in 4.9 seconds and quickly onto a governed 155mph maximum and far more securely than before thanks to a revised chassis featuring Magnetic Ride Control (standard on GTS only).

The cabin is also far better, with capacious full leather seating and surprising practicality thrown in with the four-door body.

Baby Volvo even more attractive

VOLVO has revamped its highly under-rated hatch-back coupe, the C30, which now starts from just £14,995 and is offered with tempting customisation packages.

The add-ons range from styling kits and tow bars to portable navigation systems and engine performance upgrades via Volvo's partnership with Polestar.

Petrol choice ranges from 2.0-litre petrol to the hot hatch T5, while there is also a range of smooth diesel options.

The C30 also comes with varying levels of specification from the ES to the SE Lux, including the sports



derived R-Design trim and London Congestion Charge/road tax-beating DRIVE version producing just 99g/km of CO₂.



Audi takes on its own flagship with the brand new A6

AUDI has majored on reducing weight, fuel consumption and emissions for its stunning all-new A6 saloon.

Composite aluminium and steel construction was used to make it around 15 per cent lighter than an all-steel equivalent, so it delivers a company car 'user-chooser'-friendly 129g/km CO₂ in emissions and an average around 57mpg.

One petrol and four diesel engines are currently offered, teamed with manual or a choice of two auto transmissions. Audi's trademark Quattro permanent all-wheel drive is also available.

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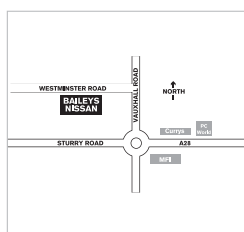
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£3,995**2003/03 PLATE
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ELEGANCE AUTO
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5 DOOR**

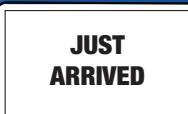
in chili red with contrasting Grey cloth interior Electric windows-power steering remote control central locking electric adjustable door mirrors multiple airbag protection system electric tilt and slide sunroof drivers seat height adjustment c/d in car entertainment system this car would make a great family car is offered with a full service history and good value for money at only

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TOYOTA CELICA T
SPORT VWTI
COUPE
3 DOOR**

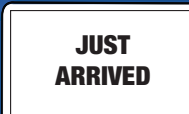
in moonlight blue metallic with contrasting dark grey leather interior air conditioning electric windows remote control central locking c/d in car entertainment system alloy wheels electric adjustable door mirrors 6 speed gearbox multiple airbag protection system front fog lights rear boot spoiler this car is offered with only 67,000 miles from new full service history and is great value for money at only

£5,495**2005/05 PLATE
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DIESEL 2.0HDI S
4 DOOR**

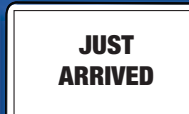
in ice blue metallic with contrasting dark grey interior 6 speed gearbox electric windows air conditioning remote control central locking c/d in car entertainment system front fog lights multiple airbag protection system electric adjustable door mirrors drivers seat height adjustment this car offers great fuel economy and good value for money

£4,495**2004/04 PLATE
FORD FIESTA
1.4 FLAME
3 DOOR**

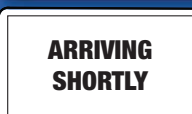
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£3,995**2000/W PLATE
VOLKSWAGEN
POLO 1.4 SE
3 DOOR**

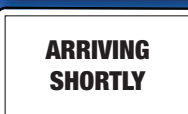
in metallic red with contrasting red and grey cloth interior electric window power steering electric adjustable door mirrors central locking alloy wheels front fog lights height adjustable front seats electric sunroof-c/d in car entertainment system multiple airbag protection system this car would make a great first car or family runabout

£2,695**2002/52 PLATE
TOYOTA
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AMAZON 4.2TD
AUTO 5 DOOR**

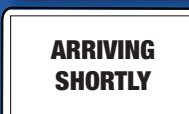
in moonlight metallic silver with contrasting grey leather interior air conditioning electric windows alloy wheels electric adjustable door mirrors 7 seats electric adjustable seats heated front seats remote control central locking electric sunroof this car has has to many extras to list with only 76,000 miles from new and lots of space would make a great family car

£14,995**2007/07 PLATE
FORD FOCUS 1.6
ZETEC CLIMATE
5 DOOR**

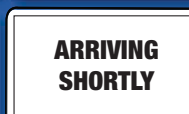
in ocean blue metallic with contrasting black cloth interior air conditioning alloy wheels remote control central locking electric windows front fog lights drivers seat height adjustment c/d in car entertainment system multiple airbag protection system electric adjustable door mirrors this car is one owner from new with a full service history and offers great value for money at only

£6,495**2004/54 PLATE
SSANGYONG
REXTON RX270 S
5 DOOR DIESEL**

in midnight black metallic with contrasting black cloth interior air conditioning electric windows alloy wheels electric adjustable door mirrors-c/d in car entertainment system remote control central locking drivers seat height adjustment multiple airbag protection system this car is one owner from new with only 29,000 miles and offers great value for money at only

£5,995**2004/04 PLATE
FORD FOCUS
1.6 GHIA
5 DOOR**

in metallic moonlight blue with contrasting dark grey cloth interior air conditioning electric windows alloy wheels electric adjustable door mirrors c/d in car entertainment system multiple airbag protection system drivers seat height adjustment remote control central locking multifunction steering wheel front armrest front fog lights this car is offered with a full service history 44,000 miles from new and is great value for money at only

£3,995**2003/03 PLATE
TOYOTA COROLLA
1.4 VVTI
5 DOOR**

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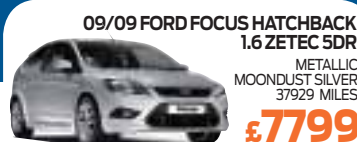


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DrivingReview

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Hyundai Santa FE

WHAT'S the most important part of your new car? Miles to the gallon, resale value, CD system...?

No, you're all wrong. If you intend to do drive any distance comfortable, supportive seating is number one.

After 30-odd years driving, I have lost count of the back trouble I've suffered due directly to rubbish seating in cars.

For me it's the top priority and more than half of drivers who suffer the same problem should remember it as they sign the cheque for their shiny new motor. (My top tip: the Volvo S60 has fantastic seats, it's a decent drive too but on the downside, it's a Volvo).

So, the only thing I was going to criticise about the Hyundai Santa Fe was the driver's seat: Electrically adjustable, leather, heated and so on, so it should have been easy to get comfortable.

But it wasn't. I needed more lumbar support and cussed it a few of times until the eighth day (and almost 900 miles later) as I prepared to return the vehicle to Hyundai's friendly press folk, I discovered – conveniently placed on the side of the seat – two perfectly placed buttons... to alter lumbar support.

How I missed it I will never know. Perhaps it was the fact that it was loaned for a week-long holiday in Norfolk and I was on my way within hours of taking delivery.

But I can confirm that for the final few miles in my stewardship the seat was finally comfortable, perhaps it could have done with a fraction more side support when taking bends, but it would be churlish to complain.

Press the right button and cruise in comfort



So, the Santa Fe is a fine 4x4, good-looking in the same way Merc off-roaders manage and – I'll whisper this – it's something of a bargain.

Ignore the green anti 4x4 brigade (most of whom are now buying the Nissan Qashqai which looks like an off-roader but isn't, so I'm confused) and consider the Santa Fe a good looking estate car with stacks of space and rugged 4x4 when the going gets tough.

Hyundai provided a top-spec CRD Premium with seven leather-trimmed seats and a

smooth six-speed auto box, which is £26,245.

Its 194bhp 2.2 litre diesel actually feels much bigger and, even with auto, she'll tow 2,000 kg, which is plenty. The line-up starts at just £22,075. We are talking value here.

The green ECO light on the dashboard comes on when you are driving sensibly, 2,000rpm means about 70 in sixth, so mid 30mpg is easy.

It feels as familiar as a Ford Fiesta to drive, and despite the size, is easy to manoeuvre with an impressive steering lock and consequently

tight turning circle. The indicator and wiper stalks are on the 'wrong' side, like old Japanese cars as is the South Korean way, but you soon get used to it.

We had the seven-seat option, which was perfect for a week's holiday with three teenagers. On the journey to Norfolk they sat in the back, and the load compartment swallowed enough luggage for the trip and the self-levelling suspension kept the whole car in shape.

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days out around Norfolk's Broads and sandy coast, my 13-year-old lad sat in his own forward facing third row seat, with a plug for his iPod and a cubby hole for his drink (like I was going to let that happen), which was perfect.

One neat touch was the 35/65 split second-row seats which can recline slightly so those in the second row can get comfy so the two older teenagers appreciated the chance to sleep (any time of the day). The seats also flip forward to let youngsters in and out of the third row seats, though I preferred to let the lad in out of the rear tailgate, like a dog.

Norfolk is about lanes and is, I believe, the only county in Britain without a motorway, so I spent a lot of time on country roads between 30-50mph. It's not a sportscar and I wouldn't

drive it as such. She rolled a little more in corners than a saloon or estate but slow in accelerate out meant swift progress with a minimum of passenger discomfort.

The Santa Fe has specific MP3 and iPod sockets to play through the decent stereo which forms part of a neat dash, bathed in blue light, which I like.

Will she off-road? Well yes I think so. A couple of passing places in narrow lanes had me welcoming the electrically folding door mirrors and I certainly had a couple of the wheels technically off-road.

I discovered you could turn off the ESP and engage the diff lock to get muddy, but I didn't need to. The biggest benefit though for my return to Kent was the sensibly profiled road tyres on handsome alloys. No pothole fears

with this baby (and yes, Kent's road surface was far worse than sleepy Norfolk). We get snow here, too, so the Santa Fe will make you your neighbours' best friend come January ... and February... and March.

We can all see that the likes of Kia and Hyundai have come on massively in the past 10 years and they make cracking motors that compete now hold their own against the best, and with their gold-plated warranties are now world best sellers. Enough said.

My tip would be chose according to your dealer. I asked around and the majority of owners love these vehicles and the only complaints seem to come from the dealer.

Many are brilliant, one or two may not be quite up there, so ask around and trust your instinct.

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Q In 1986 I was in an accident at work, and my pension was increased as I had to retire early. One of your articles some years ago was about how someone in my position should not be taxed on the increase in my pension. I sent the taxman a copy of your article. I was given refunds back to 1991, and now every year I make a claim and get a cheque – so, this is a belated thank-you!

A The taxman has lots of little-known rules, and this is one of them. If an employee is injured at work, or catches a work-related illness, then any pension over and above the normal entitlement escapes tax. The snag is that the taxman will not know whether you are getting anything extra. He will assume you are on a normal pension and tax the lot.

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Meanwhile, most pensioners who are getting something extra because of an industrial accident or illness will assume that all their pension is taxable and will not know that some should be exempt.

Q I had an endowment policy with Norwich Union which matured in 2007. A couple of years ago you reported on a windfall payment due, and my policy fell within the time limits for a windfall. What has happened since then? Have I missed out?

A Not all policies qualified for the windfall. The “spare cash” was linked to policies issued by Commercial Union and General Accident, which – with Norwich Union – is now part of the Aviva insurance group. Payouts were made nearly two years ago. If you were not contacted, my guess is that your policy did not qualify. But it is not too late to check. Go to www.lifeft.qs.aviva.co.uk/fundtransfer/announce/am-i-nv-eligible.do and enter your policy number. You can still claim if your policy qualifies.

Q The Post Office is selling bonds that yield 4pc, which seems good in the current climate. Do you think rates will go higher if I wait?

A Interest rates could hardly go any lower, so the answer is yes, they will rise – and the rise will come this year. The bonds are a three-year investment, so keep some money back to take advantage of the expected upturn. And always have some rainy day cash on easy access. That said, you are right. The 4pc yield is good. Remember, these bonds may be advertised in the Post Office but you have to go online to get them, at www.postoffice.co.uk/savings

Q Does the rule about card companies having to repay cardholders if a shop fails to deliver goods only apply in this country? I ordered something from the Channel Islands and paid £129 with plastic, but got nothing and the mail order firm's phone is dead.

A All that matters is that you and your bank are in this country. Contact your card issuer, quote Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act, and claim a refund.

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MOBILE SHAKE-UP: Ofcom's decision to cap termination rates means good news for consumers – and for smaller networks.

Ruling set to bring down cost of calls

Phone users should see a fall in charges after the industry regulator announced a cut in the cost of mobile termination rates – the wholesale charges that operators make to each other to connect calls to their networks. Ofcom said it would place a cap on the rates charged by all four national mobile network operators – 3UK, O2, Everything Everywhere and Vodafone – from April 1, leading to an 80pc reduction in termination rates over the next four years. The regulator said it would

reduce the cost to landline companies of passing calls to mobiles, with the competitive landline market expected to pass these savings on to consumers. It is also likely to promote competition in the mobile market, with operators having more pricing flexibility. “Hard-pressed customers will finally get a fairer deal on their landline-to-mobile and cross-network mobile calls,” said Mike Wilson, mobile manager at Moneysupermarket.com. “For too long, consumers have

paid over the odds.” Ernest Doku, of Uswitch.com, said: “It is disappointing that Ofcom has not taken on board the European Commission's recommendation to reduce these rates in half the time. “Nevertheless, this is a clear victory against the bully boys. While termination rates have served as a tidy revenue for the big networks, the minnows in the market such as Three have struggled to make headway. “This news will really boost competition.”

Families bear brunt of falling income

A growing number of families are particularly vulnerable to job losses and reduced income over the coming months, with many households facing a struggle to pay all their bills.

That's the verdict of charity the Consumer Credit Counselling Service (CCCS), which has drawn on its analysis of 470,000 households which have debt problems.

The CCCS said that, at best, “the majority of these households are faced with stagnating or falling incomes and rising costs”.

It added: “At worst, they face job loss and unemployment. Everyone is trying to service relatively high levels of debts, and in many cases the situation is simply unsustainable.”

“As a result, a substantial proportion of CCCS clients continue to be unable to meet the costs of everyday living. Almost half of clients ascribe their problems to job loss or reduced income from work.”

The charity said that stagnating or falling incomes at a time of increases in the costs of living had combined

By ADAM AIKEN
MyMoney24 editor

with the impact of imminent benefit changes. Last year, almost half of all the people seen by the CCCS cited the loss of employment or income as a reason for their debts, while a third lacked the means to cover their basic living costs – let alone repay their debts.

Lord Stevenson, chairman of the CCCS, said: “The picture is undoubtedly bleak and it seems likely that many more families, including better-off ones, will be increasingly prone to over-indebtedness in the months ahead.”

“It is also not a uniform picture across the country; public sector cuts in terms of jobs, spending and benefits will weigh disproportionately on certain groups of people.”

The alert from the CCCS follows a report from fellow charity Credit Action that warns of 45 significant changes to taxes and benefits coming into force on April 6.

Income tax thresholds, national insurance, tax credits and child benefit are among the things that will change at the start of the new tax year.

With changes at the start of 2011 – in particular, the rise in VAT – having already cost a typical family £480, Credit Action reckons the imminent changes will cost the average household a further £200 a year.

Credit Action associate director Joanna Parsley said: “The 45 major changes that we have identified will affect everyone – there really is no way to avoid them.”

“Although not every change will have a detrimental impact, changes to tax and welfare benefits coupled with rising energy and food prices, and fears over potential interest rate rises and further job losses, mean that household budgets in 2011 will continue to be squeezed.”

“It is vital that with under a month to go until these changes take effect, everyone looks to revisit their finances and get them in order.”

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INSIDE THIS WEEK

FUEL prices have piled extra pressure on firms already facing difficulties. The latest price hike has prompted a renewal of the FSB's appeal to Government for a fuel duty stabiliser.

Other firms, including Kent haulage company R Swain and Sons, would rather see the next fuel duty increase scrapped altogether and warned that further Middle East troubles could send pump prices heading towards the £1.50 per litre mark.

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We need Budget to oil the engine of growth

CHANCELLOR George Osborne has promised his Budget will help foster further economic growth.

The Coalition Government frontbencher made his pledge at the Conservative Party's spring conference in Cardiff. He also spoke of the "hurting" families who have been hit by rising costs, particularly at the petrol pump. Osborne said the Budget – due to be delivered on Wednesday – will

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help these families without risking the country's economic stability.

He said: "I know how hard the rises in world oil prices are hurting families in Britain. When it costs £1.30 for a litre of petrol, £80 to fill up a family car, I know people feel squeezed. And I

say to people, 'I hear you'.

"This April I'm freezing council tax, I'm cutting income tax for 23 million people, I'm increasing child tax credit payments to the low paid.

"But we've got another of Labour's pre-prepared rises in petrol tax also coming this April, one penny above inflation. I won't take risks with economic stability or wreck the public finances but I promise I am doing everything I can to find a way to help families."

What does Kent expect from the Chancellor?

WITH the public becoming more nervous about NHS cutbacks, I would like to see measures to reduce the financial pressures on the health service.

Individuals who take out private medical insurance should be encouraged and rewarded for taking responsibility for their health and wellbeing, reducing the cost burden on the NHS. Advances in medical treatment come at a price, with more money needing to be pumped into the NHS for it to cope.

Government has an impossible task to maintain standards while reducing funding in real terms.

People should be given a tax break to help pay for private medical insurance, especially pensioners. They can find themselves losing cover previously provided by employers and cannot afford to pay their own medical insurance once they stop working.

Companies should be given tax incentives, as this would make them more productive while again helping reduce the burden on the NHS. If Government wants the NHS to be sustainable, bold decisions need to be made now.

Richard Bamford, key account director, Citrus Healthcare Consulting, Hildenborough

CREASEYS' top Budget wishes:

- Please, no tinkering with the tax system unless absolutely necessary – we already have over 12,000 pages of tax law.
- Leave the taxation of business alone in order to encourage investment and prevent businesses having to restructure to save or defer tax.
- Leave Capital Gains Tax alone or look to reduce the main 28 per cent rate. Retain the 10 per cent rate for sales of businesses in order to encourage entrepreneurs to invest.
- Encourage international investment, and no crack-down for the taxation of non-residents and non-doms.
- Recognise that family trusts can be a useful way of protecting family wealth and not only to be regarded as a tax dodge. Try to reduce the amount of tax trusts pay.
- Consult and liaise with the business community before making tax changes. And no changes or tinkering unless absolutely necessary. It would be good to have a Budget one year that makes no tax changes at all.

Richard Holme, Partner, Creaseys, Tunbridge Wells

GIVEN the Government's position of tackling the deficit while trying to make it appear we are all better off – and having ruled out tax cuts – it looks unwise to wish for too much.

As many as 500,000 will no longer pay income tax due to the starting rate being increased to £10,000 in 2011/12. Another 750,000 will fall into the higher rate bracket as it is reduced to £35,000.

It has been good to see an increase in the limits for ISAs – long overdue. It would be good to see more done to encourage people to save, both in the short term and beyond, with perhaps a reduction in Capital Gains Tax for those with assets held over



BOX CLEVER:
George Osborne will deliver his Budget on Wednesday

periods of, say, more than five years, and more to encourage savings towards retirement. It's a shame those affected by long-term care funding issues will see their assets seized more quickly as the means test threshold has been held at £23,250. I would like to see a reduction in VAT levied on purchases – and don't get me started on the price of petrol.

Kieron Robertson, estate planner and independent financial adviser, Valiant Financial Consultants, Tunbridge Wells

OSBORNE must centre the Budget on entrepreneurialism and business growth. Getting people back to work and safeguarding the liquidity of small businesses is the priority. Offering rewards and incentives to businesses to employ people by offering relief from employers' NI or rebates on previous years' corporation tax will take the risk out of new hires for small businesses and get consumers spending again.

As the state-controlled banks, which control a significant proportion of business banking, remain risk-averse, the incentives for families and friends to invest in small businesses need to be increased and ways found to make it easier and safer for them to do so.

The price of fuel is becoming an inhibitor to business growth. Steps need to be taken to bring fuel prices down or at least cap them. VAT on website developments should be removed and brought into line with the VAT status of printed brochures. Finally, the Bank of England needs to play its part and not increase interest rates until economic recovery is secure.

Neil Edwards, MD, The Marketing Eye

SINCE implementation of the 50 per cent personal tax rate, much wasted time was spent preparing for this leap upwards, which only affected a minor proportion of the population.

More cost-effective methods of collecting taxes from a larger proportion of the population would have been better. My wish is for the 50 per cent tax to be abolished – it is discouraging entrepreneurship.

We need to kick-start the economy again and help businesses to recover. They need assistance with R&D to give them a chance to be innovative, create new income streams and boost the bottom line. Tax incentives could be implemented to aid such growth.

We have so many systems and procedures for tax collections/payments. A radical review and simplification of Capital Gains Tax, pensions and Inheritance Tax (IHT) is required. The latter also needs to be reviewed, with a significant rise in the minimum threshold and a more transparent/formalised method of calculation. The current system leads to abuse. IHT calculation should be regionalised against the value of main residence.

Capital Gains Tax. In order to retain increased profits for small companies, Corporation Tax for profits below £300,000 is due to reduce to 20 from 21 per cent. It is imperative this commitment by the previous Labour government is followed through.

We have the highest petrol taxes in Europe. With fuel expected to reach £8 per litre, this will have a catastrophic impact, including on the car industry, parking fees, taxes etc. Companies should be provided with tax incentives to go green. The cost of doing so is significant – and for no intrinsic benefit to the company, just the environment.

Chris Winning, director, The Winning Partnership, Tunbridge Wells

THE Chancellor has a difficult job to achieve a Budget that has a positive impact on both business and individuals, while continuing with measures already taken to reduce the UK's high level of debt.

Individuals' spending power is being eroded through inflationary pressures due to increasing food, commodity and oil prices. With the rising price of oil, Government is already benefiting from extra tax take and while the additional fuel duty levy was built in to calculations for reducing the debt, the impact on individuals and business is increasingly apparent. I would like to see any rise in fuel duty deferred or scrapped.

While businesses continue to benefit from low interest rates, these will change at some point. Businesses must be prepared for this and plan for it. I would like to see the Chancellor concentrating on bringing in opportunities for businesses, to stimulate investment.

There are many ways that could be considered: reducing red tape, speeding up the planning process, simplifying the corporate tax regime and looking to reduce the 50p income tax rate.

Nick Green, branch manager, Handelsbanken, Tunbridge Wells

Comment

BANK of England bosses found themselves in the unenviable position of a 'lose/lose' situation last week when the interest rates issue reared its ugly head once again.

The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee voted in favour of keeping the record low 0.5 per cent rate in place, a move aimed at avoiding a double dip recession.

But this has left inflation – currently running wild at four per cent – unchecked.

I'll bet my hat that one of the financial experts on the MPC board took a moment away from pulling his hair out to utter the desperate yet eloquent summary: "We're damned if we do, damned if we don't."

Inflation now stands at double the Bank's target and desperately needs to be brought in line.

But an interest rate rise runs the risk of leading to a downturn in borrowing at a time when the country is slowly trying to claw its way out of recession.

The general consensus from the City is that the Bank was right to prioritise interest rates.

So the key question is when the Bank will act on inflation.

If it moves too quickly business confidence will suffer but the Bank cannot afford to drag its heels on inflation for too long. Key costs, such as fuel and energy prices, are sky high and rising.

This additional expenditure has seen businesses up their prices in order to maintain profit margins – a policy the out-of-pocket public will only wear for so long.

The first interest rate rise is expected to come in May.

With business growth across Kent and the rest of the South East picking up in Q1 and showing signs of further improvement, let us hope that the Bank's timing is spot on and that a potentially disastrous double dip is avoided.

Turn to page 50 for more on interest rates.

Business Editor SIMON ROBINSON
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Engineers' talent recognised

STRATEGY director Hugh Porter has been awarded Fellowship of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Mr Porter, from Chatham, was recognised for his work at Woodrush Solutions Limited.

The fellowship is ICE's highest award and is only conferred on those who have made a significant contribution to civil engineering.

Respected internationally, the fellowship is a benchmark for those practising at the highest levels in the industry.

Fellow engineers David Amaku, project manager at Bovis Lend Lease from

Folkestone, and Malcolm Howard, a senior engineer with Transport for London from West Malling, both received membership of the ICE.

ICE South East England director John Lavery said: "Civil engineering is an important discipline sitting right at the heart of society. It is all about creating, improving and protecting the infrastructure that we all depend on in our day-to-day lives."

"Congratulations to Hugh, David and Malcolm on their success in demonstrating their high professional standards and expertise in civil engineering."



FELLOWSHIP: Hugh Porter

Restaurant app takes the industry by storm

A HIGH-tech restaurant booking app has been snapped up by Apple's iPad business division as part of their sales drive in the States.

The VirtuaBook program gives diners a 3D layout of the restaurant and allows them to book the time and date of their reservation.

They can even choose the table they wish to sit at.

It was developed by Ashford-based digital media production company Rogue Interactive Ltd and is currently being trialled in London and the South East.

Despite VirtuaBook being at only the development stage, the app has created a big buzz in the gadget industry.

Apple Inc, behind the iPod, iPhone and iPad, contacted Rogue Interactive to ask permission to use the app as part of its sales drive for iPads to restaurants in California.

Requests have already come in for variations tailored to restaurants in Germany and Mexico.

VirtuaBook's Peter Blay said the App could take the hospitality trade by storm.

"The App creates an easy-to-use, paperless booking system and replaces the need for a front-of-house diary," he said. "Customers have complete flexibility to book their preferred date and time – even their favourite table."



PAPERLESS: Diners can use VirtuaBook to reserve a table, even choosing where they want to sit

alise availability but also for potential customers who might want to choose a window seat, for example, or even an area with disabled access.

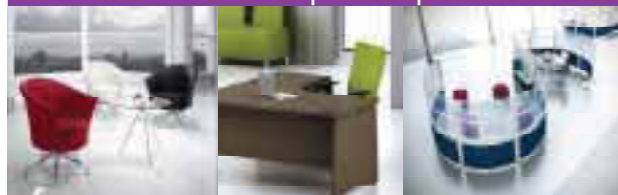
"You can manage all aspects of your restaurant, accounting for each day's opening and closing times, or managing sessions with the break-time feature."

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FEELING GOOD: Dr Juneja with NatWest's healthcare manager Martin Garner

TWO doctors have taken on their own surgery after signing a £575,000 funding package with NatWest.

Dr Juneja and Dr Broom used the cash to buy the Marlowe Park Medical Practice in Strood.

The pair are now working on boosting the purpose-built surgery's patient numbers from the 3,200 they inherited to 4,000.

Dr Juneja said: "It is really exciting for us to finally be our own bosses. The premises in Strood became available when the previous owner was looking to sell, so inheriting his patients made the transition easier."

"We are confident so far that we have made the right decision and thank NatWest for their valued support throughout the process."

NatWest's healthcare manager Martin Garner, who oversaw the funding deal, added: "Both Dr Juneja and Dr Broom instilled me with confidence from the outset, given their medical experience and appetite to succeed, and it is rewarding to see them fulfilling their personal ambitions."

"I wish them both every success as they establish themselves in the local community."

■ SHEPHERD Neame's turnover rose by 1.6 per cent year-on-year, new figures have shown. The Faversham brewery's half-year results up to December 25, 2010, showed turnover stood at £61.7 million.

There were strong performances from Spitfire, Bishop's Finger and Asahi, sending like-for-like retail sales up 3.6 per cent. Operating profit remained static at £6.4m.

Sheps chairman Miles Templeman said: "This has been another good performance for the company. We have achieved record turnover and record total beer volume against a background of adverse weather and pressure on disposable income."

■ A SERIES of monthly business advice clinics will be held in east Kent throughout the year. The free sessions will be open to enterprises of all sizes that would like the opportunity to discuss any aspect of their business with commercial specialists. The consultations are being offered by the Dover and Thanet and East Kent Chambers of Commerce.

Chamber manager Sylvia Fagg said: "The clinics will be staffed by successful businessmen and women who understand what is needed to beat the competition."

The clinics take place on the first Wednesday of the month in Dover and the first Friday of the month in Broadstairs.

You can email mail@doverchamber.co.uk or manager@tekc.co.uk for more details.

■ NATWEST'S MoneySense coach Sandra Latter went back to school to test the next generation of budding entrepreneurs.

The finance expert divided Leeds and Broomfield Primary School youngsters into rival coffee shop firms and set them a series of challenges. The year five and six pupils developed business plans, drew up budgets and made preparations for opening shops, before going through the motions of running the business and making a profit.

Latter said: "It's been a trip down memory lane. This was my primary school, years ago. I've been impressed with the creativity and business acumen the pupils have shown."

■ PERMANENT staff placements increased at their sharpest rate for months, according to the latest employment figures. The Report on Jobs showed the number of temporary placements also rose to their highest level since May, 2007. These numbers were underpinned by robust growth in demand for staff.

The Recruitment and Employment Confederation's South East director, Clive Hutchings, said: "We are definitely beginning to see signs of the market for jobs being stronger in the next three months."

"This has been particularly noticeable in sectors such as IT, engineering, mechanical, electronics and software, when demand for skilled staff is gathering momentum."

■ THE South East's private sector economy continued to gain momentum last month, with both output and employment rising to an eight-month high.

Lloyds TSB's business activity index, which measures the combined output of the manufacturing and service sectors, revealed the region was recovering well from December's slowdown. Firms continued to add to their workforces last month and the rate of employment growth strengthened to its fastest since June. However, inflationary pressures continued to build, with input prices rising for a seventh consecutive month. The cost of raw materials and energy were key factors, forcing firms to raise output prices to keep profits intact.

Early signs of hope in task force report

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SEVERAL research organisations have expressed an interest in filling Pfizer's shoes in Sandwich, Coalition Government ministers have been told.

The revelation was made by the Pfizer taskforce in its first 30-day report.

The paper, delivered to ministers on Tuesday, also made a number of key recommendations as to how Government can help to ease the impact of Pfizer's withdrawal from Kent – a move that will affect 2,400 on-site and 3,000-plus offsite workers.

Ministers heard how Pfizer chiefs were currently engaged in "detailed and commercial" talks with contract research organisations.

It is hoped these firms could create economic activity and job opportunities at the site, keeping Kent's skilled pharmaceutical workers in the county.

Five phases of action were listed, including proposals to preserve jobs at the vast research and development centre to creating a long-term delivery plan for wider opportunities in the area.

These include designating east Kent as one of Government's proposed enterprise zones, namely a Research, Innovation and Technology Zone (RITZ), covering Sandwich and the Manston corridor.



CLOSURE: Pfizer's European R&D base at Sandwich is attracting wider interest

Companies setting up there would benefit from tax breaks, lenient planning rules and National Insurance contribution holidays for

new start-ups. Zone status would aim to attract businesses and boost employment.

The report also calls for the creation of an East Kent Recovery and Growth Package, including the development of high-speed rail access and a reduction in journey times to Thanet and Dover.

Kent County Council leader and taskforce chairman Cllr Paul Carter said they would leave no stone unturned in stimulating business at the Pfizer site and in growing wider employment opportunities to help staff, contractors and the local economy.

"Our report focuses on the opportunities presented by the world-class skills and facilities built by Pfizer over the last 60 years," he said. "Combined, they offer a unique asset on which to build a new model of hi-tech growth and employment which would be of importance not only to Kent, but to the country."

"Time is of the essence. The taskforce has brought together experts from business, finance, universities, politics and local government. We have sought to understand best practice from around the UK and the world in developing workable solutions which will deliver our vision of growth in this unique and historic area."

Pfizer's Sandwich site head Ruth McKernan said the immediate priority was to support staff through the transition with training and outplacement events.

She added that discussions with third parties who could help provide jobs to meet the skills and expertise of staff were continuing.

Belfast will replace Manchester flights



FLIGHTS from Manston to Manchester will be suspended from next month.

Route operator Flybe said the service was being axed due to low passenger numbers – with the flight "economically and environmentally hard to justify".

The Edinburgh service will continue and a new route to Belfast will begin in May. The summer service will run three times a week.

Flights are available for booking now, with fares from £29.99 one way, including taxes and charges.

Flybe chief commercial officer Mike Rutter said: "We're delighted to be adding this new service between Belfast and Manston, providing passengers with a quick and direct route between South East England and Northern Ireland. While the service to

Manchester has unfortunately proved unsustainable, we've been delighted with the support shown by travellers to and from the region on the Manston-Edinburgh route and remain committed to developing our route network from Manston."

Manston airport chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "We are pleased Flybe has reinforced its commitment to Manston with the announcement of a Belfast service."

"Initially this will be three times a week, but will hopefully increase as demand grows and aircraft become available."

"Sadly, despite the best efforts of both the Manston airport team and Flybe, the Manchester route has not proved sustainable. However, we are confident that Belfast will attract more passengers."



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Hotel empire expands

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THE BIG INTERVIEW

A ONCE-derelict, rundown Dover hotel is set to re-open next week after an exhaustive six-month, multi-million-pound makeover.

The former Churchill Hotel, which arcs gracefully along the seafront, was still very much in the 'building site' stage when I visited on Monday.

Dozens of landscape gardeners, interior decorators, plasterers, plumbers and electricians were hard at work upon my arrival, using the temporary collapsed cardboard box and carpet cuttings walkways placed throughout the hotel to get from one room to another.

I had assumed that with just 10 days to go until the Churchill is rechristened the Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa on Thursday, March 24, that the final light fittings would be being screwed into place.

There is an awful lot of work to be completed before the big day, so much so that if I were in charge I would be perilously close to panic stations at this point.

Importantly, the man who is in charge, K Rajamenon, is unfazed by the task ahead. He greets me in the lobby, at the heart of the hotel, before leading me on a brief tour.

The Sri Lankan sidesteps a team of interior designers busy hanging wallpaper to show me an empty, uncarpeted room where the hotel's coffee shop will soon reside.

When our touring party – made up of senior hotel staff and Rajamenon's brother, fellow hotel director K Rajaseelan – finally settle in a finished suite to carry out this interview, I ask how he's feeling about the big day.

"I'm very excited," he said. "We're working 24 hours to get the work done. I just hope the weather doesn't let us down."

That Rajamenon's main concern is the unpredictable British weather gives a good measure of the man. He is sure the hotel, the third taken on by his and Rajaseelan's Leaf Hotels, will be an unparalleled success.

His confidence is well merited. The group's other two concerns have been turned around, while Rajamenon's eight care homes are also profitable.

All this has been achieved from the modesty of a part-time job working in a service station.

LEAF Hotels director K Rajamenon has certainly made the most of his business studies degree during the past three decades.

The Sri Lanka-born businessman stopped working part-time at a petrol station to manage three of them.

He then turned his hand to amassing a string of care homes across the county and has now set his sights on doing the same in the hotel industry.

Rajamenon's latest venture, the former Churchill Hotel, will reopen next week as the Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa. He spoke to SIMON ROBINSON about the grand launch event and his plans for the future.



K Rajamenon

Rajamenon said: "I came to the country 30 years ago for further education. I completed a business degree at London South Bank University while working part-time in a service station."

"When I finished studying I decided to start running service stations and was in charge of three for 17 years. At this point Tesco came into the market and were looking to take it over, so I thought, 'Where am I going to go?'"

"I had an opportunity to get into care homes as my older brother was running them in Kent, so I started my first one in 1997. I've now got eight under the name of First Choice Care Homes."

NOT content with developing a care home empire, Rajamenon soon set his sights on the hotel industry.

He said: "We got the opportunity to buy a hotel in Dover and began trying to run it as an independent venture called Dover Court. It was difficult to run without having a brand behind it."

"So we found a partner in Ramada and spent £2 million refurbishing it and upgrading it from a three to a four-star hotel. It became successful and is now running at full capacity."

"Buoyed by that we went looking for more. Three years ago we bought what is now the Holiday Inn Express in Canterbury."

"It was managed badly and not efficient. We made that successful and are now looking at building more rooms."

Last year, Rajamenon and Rajaseelan began work on adding hotel number three to the chain.

The hotel will soon boast 81 bedrooms, three conference rooms, a restaurant and bar, coffee shop and ice cream parlour.

Rajamenon said he was instantly attract-

ed to the hotel, despite it being in a state of disrepair.

"As soon as we heard this hotel was closing we picked up the phone and put in our bid. We wanted it because of its prime location – 14 million passengers pass through this port each

MY TOP TIPS

- Avoid hierarchies. Keep reporting lines simple and always ensure that you are seen as an approachable leader of your company.
- Be a hands-on boss. Get out from behind your desk and spend as much time as you can getting involved in the day-to-day operation of your business.
- Your staff are critical to your business success so get to know them, invest in training them and giving them the skills and support they need to do their jobs to the best of their abilities.
- Don't overstretch your business geographically. We are a Kent company and by focusing our energies on growing the business in one region it is easier to maintain control, move staff around if necessary and enjoy other benefits that would not be possible if our hotels were scattered across the UK.

year. We only need one in 14 to stay here to run at full capacity. Even if they only pop in for a coffee it's good for the business.

"There is no risk involved here. The previous owners didn't invest in the property and that is the only reason they failed."

While Rajamenon was clearly impressed by the financial outlook for his latest acquisition,

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DOVER BEACH: The hotel is opposite the revamped 'wave' esplanade on the seafront

into the comfort zone



SITTING PRETTY: Dining room at the refurbished hotel



VISION: K Rajamenon outside the Best Western Dover Marina Hotel and Spa



MAGNIFICENT: Hotel's seafront location

he was keen to point out its role in the future of Dover and Kent.

"Dover badly needs quality, value hotels. It's got a lot of attractions and history but no decent places for people to eat or stay.

"At the moment people come for the day and then go back to Ashford or London or wherever. We're looking at working with other organisations to enhance and create reasons for people to come to Dover and stay in Dover.

"We're going out and waving this flag, trying to get Dover speaking with one voice.

"It is important to remember that you need to have prime hotels to attract big tourism events to the county – that's why this development is so key as it will give the area the

chance to bring more events like the Open golf championship to Kent.

"Visit Kent has acknowledged the county needs to increase quality bed stock ahead of the 2012 Olympics and has welcomed our investment as going some way to achieve that.

"Tourism minister John Penrose will be coming to officially open the hotel.

"His presence is an indication of the importance Government attaches to tourism – not just in Dover but in Kent and beyond. We hope the minister will be able to talk about his views on tourism development in Dover and Kent."

Rajamenon's combined Leaf Hotels and First Choice care homes empire has a

turnover of £6m and employs 500 people.

But this is just the beginning.

"We wanted to build two new hotels in Kent two years ago but had to shelve the plans," Rajamenon explained.

"One was set for the M20 while the other was going to be built in a major town. When market conditions get better we will go back to these plans. In two or three years' time we hope to roll all the family's care homes – 50 in total – under one umbrella, which will be the largest care home provider in Kent.

"That's also what we want with Leaf. We stand for quality and value and also believe in sustainable living, being green and investing in reducing our carbon footprint.

"We want to have the best hotels in the UK in terms of service."

Rajamenon is willing to get his hands dirty to achieve this dream.

"This is not a company where the directors sit in boardrooms and pass things off on to others. I'm hands-on, part of the team and always on the shop floor. There's no hierarchy here and everyone works as a team.

"With this hotel I'm project manager, so I'm here six days a week.

"I am a firm believer in surrounding myself with high-quality staff who are all approachable. We want to be the best in the UK and I think we can all rely on one another to get there."

Fertile ground for new investment

MTS Cleansing Services has invested £1.9 million on two revolutionary recycling machines.

The sewage disposal firm, based on the Kingsnorth works, near Hoo St Werburgh, has become the first company in the country to utilise the state-of-the-art composting units.

The 'HotRot' machines turn sewage grits and screening waste that would previously have gone to landfill into fertiliser in just 12 days.

They are expected to go online next month. MTS managing director Antony Crust said: "We have a fleet of 220 vehicles collecting sewage locally and across the South East from the main network run by the utilities as well as treatment farms.

"The waste we collect contains nitrogen and rather than dumping it we're going to be turning it into a valuable resource. If you compost it using the technology we're investing in, it turns into safe, odourless, eco-friendly fertiliser, just like the compost at DIY stores.

"Agricultural land will benefit, as will farmers, who love it, because it's greener and cheaper than chemical fertiliser. We already have a consortium with about 50,000 acres available to take anything we produce."

MTS has set up a sister company, Composting Facility Services (CFS), to run the composting side of its business and aims to buy a further four HotRot composting units in the next 12 months, enabling it to treat 27,000 tonnes of sewage a year. By



COMPOST CORNER: From left, Mark Moran (Santander Corporate Banking), Mike Norton and Antony Crust (both of MTS Cleansing Services), James Beaton (Vertex Law) and John Alder (Nash Harvey) inside one of the partially-constructed HotRot composters

the end of the decade CFS wants to have 50 in-vessel composter units across southern England.

MTS' plans have been backed by the Environment Agency, which has granted a permit to treat sewage waste in the new units.

Crust added: "I think the EA will be very interested in seeing the new composting plant in action. Although the technology has been tried and tested in New Zealand, it's new to the UK. The HotRot technology has some fantastic benefits, but you almost have to see it to believe it.

"We insisted on flying to New Zealand to witness the process for ourselves and were astonished that there was no unpleasant odour and that at the end of 12 days sewage

had been turned into a pasteurised product that you could handle with complete safety and that farmers are happy to apply to their fields.

"This is a very exciting development. We want to be financially successful but are also conscious of our environmental responsibilities. This represents a valuable new business opportunity, but one that reduces the miles our lorries travel and transforms a substance that used to be a problem into an eco-friendly substitute for chemical fertilisers."

MTS received funding from Santander Corporate Banking, financial advice from Maidstone-based accountants Nash Harvey, and legal advice from Kings Hill corporate specialists Vertex Law.



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Was the Bank right in keeping interest rates at 0.5 per cent?

I SUSPECT monetary policy remained at a crossroads, with the vote splitting four ways. But the era of ultra-loose monetary policy is drawing to a close. It remains to be seen whether the first hike comes in May, as markets expect, or August.

Stephen Boyle
Head of RBS Group Economics

YES, it is exactly the right decision for the MPC to make and I would personally not expect to see an increase in rates before June. Best estimates tend to suggest rates will be at around 1 per cent to 1.25 per cent by the end of the year.

Although inflation is double the Bank target rate, it's important to realise that the increase is within Bank forecasts and is sitting roughly where they expected it. There are various one-off hikes that have hit the system over the past 12 months – most notably an increase in VAT from 15-17.5 per cent in January, 2010, then a second to 20 per cent in January this year. These will not be repeated, so comparing next year's rates with this year's will see inflation drop back.

As a country we also were a net importer of deflation, and with the pound weakening this impact has reduced significantly. Couple this with commodity process and oil increases and inflation is perfectly understandable and justifiable, if somewhat concerning.

The Bank is fully aware of the impact any hike in rates will have on business confidence. Don't forget that it has the asset purchase scheme (quantitative easing) also in the system, as well as the option to reverse some of that to help quell inflation. What I do know is that the Bank is trying to get the message across to businesses that when rates do increase it will not represent the Bank putting the brake on – rather it easing off the throttle a little – 0.5 per cent is its foot full on the throttle of the economy, so even at one per cent this would still represent an incredibly low base rate.

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Interest rate held at emergency level

Rise likely in second quarter, says CBI expert

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THE Bank of England has held the interest rate at 0.5 per cent, in spite of a recent rise in inflation.

The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) maintained the record low rate – which has not been raised since March, 2009 – despite pressure to counter inflation, currently at four per cent.

Three MPC members voted for an interest rate rise in February in a bid to bring inflation back down to their target of two per cent.

But rising interest rates increase the cost of borrowing, potentially tipping the UK economy back into recession.

CBI chief economic adviser Ian McCafferty said he thought interest rates would rise soon.

"MPC members continue to have widely divergent expectations about the outlook for inflation, so this decision comes as no surprise," he said.

"The short-term data continues to cloud the issue, but there are growing risks of inflation becoming more ingrained, as firms attempt to bolster their profit margins and employees seek higher wage rises in the face of sharply-increased costs of energy and commodities.

"The shifting pattern of MPC vot-



CAUTION: The Bank of England has kept interest low, despite inflation

ing suggests that these risks are an increasing concern, and we continue to believe that a move away from the emergency 0.5 per cent rate set during the financial crisis is likely in the second quarter.

"By acting early, the Bank can keep inflation expectations under control, preventing the need for more aggressive action later on."

The Institute of Directors' chief economist, Graeme Leach, added: "We believe the Bank of England was correct not to raise interest rates.

"The IoD has argued for some time that it would be dangerous to raise interest rates when broad money supply growth is so weak. To do so would risk a double-dip recession.

"This is a difficult time for the MPC, with inflation double the target rate and questions about the credibility of monetary policy.

"However, there are good reasons to believe that inflation will fall back sharply in 2012, and this consideration should drive interest rate policy, not the current rate of inflation."

Agent wants your feedback on report



BREAKFAST: Meet Bank of England agent Phil Eckersley

BANK of England agent Phil Eckersley will meet with Kent businessmen to discuss the implications of a key inflation report.

The South East official will hold a question and answer session at Kent Science Park (KSP) in Sittingbourne on Thursday, May 19 – 11 days after the Quarterly Inflation Report is published.

The interest rate has been held at an all-time record low of 0.5 per cent since March, 2009.

However, there is growing speculation that the Bank will be forced to raise the base rate in order to curtail inflation, which hit four per cent in February and is expected to continue to rise throughout the year.

Eckersley said he hoped the informal business breakfast would allow him to talk about what the Bank's interest rate decision means for the economy.

"The Bank of England recognises that there are a number of challenges facing businesses over the next couple of years as

the economic recovery gains momentum," he said.

"It is the Bank's role to set Monetary Policy in order to lay the foundations of a successful and stable revival. Meeting local businesses is absolutely central to our decision-making process and I'm delighted to be visiting KSP to talk about May's report."

KSP site director James Speck added: "Having Phil Eckersley coming to Swale to talk to business owners about the Quarterly Inflation Report is a fantastic opportunity for local business to influence decision making and I would urge as many people as possible to attend this event."

The free Q and A session will run from 8.30am to 10am.

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Price hike fuels stabiliser calls

Haulier believes crises in Middle East could push cost of diesel up still further

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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HAULAGE company R Swain and Sons has said the recent surge in fuel prices has cost them nearly £700,000.

The Strood-based family firm's commercial director, Paul Burridge, said fuel expenditure had risen from £6.7 million to £7.4m.

He also warned that any further crises in the Middle East, particularly in countries that lead the way in terms of the world's largest fuel exporters, could see prices rise further still.

"The recent rise in fuel prices has affected us drastically," he said.

"We estimate that between 33 and 40 per cent of the cost of running a truck goes on fuel.

"So when fuel goes up by 15 per cent, immediately there are huge cost increases for us.

"Our forecasts showed we would be spending £6.7 million this year on fuel, but that was based on a price of £1.25 per litre.

"The price has now gone up by 10 per cent, which will take our expenditure to £7.4 million."

Last month the Federation of Small Businesses called on Government to introduce a fuel duty stabiliser.

In a report published on February 10, FSB bosses refuted Government claims that such a stabiliser was too



CONCERNS: Haulage company R Swain and Sons says the increase in fuel prices has cost it an extra £700,000 this year, and it may go up more

complicated and expensive to put in place.

Furthermore, the Federation went on to say that the rise in fuel duty and uncertainty over fuel prices would have a significant impact on small businesses, leading them to increase prices, freeze pay or lay off staff.

Mr Burridge said a stabiliser would be welcome, but urged Government to do more to help alleviate the cost pressures big fuel consuming companies are facing.

"We like the idea of Government

introducing a fuel duty stabiliser, but realistically, all we would like is for duty to be left alone," he said.

"Duty went up in January and is due to go up again in April. They can minimise the impact of fuel prices by not increasing duty.

"The recent increases in price have been driven by world events and speculation on the markets.

"If there are outbreaks of trouble in big fuel producers such as Saudi Arabia or Iran then the sky's the limit in terms of future fuel prices."

Heavy consumers urged to consider hedge contracts

HEAVY fuel-consuming companies are being urged to review their purchasing strategies after petrol prices topped £1.33 per litre.

Paul Saunders, managing partner at Clydesdale Bank's Tunbridge Wells financial solutions centre, said firms could use new fuel hedge contracts to save money.

Traditionally, these fixed price contracts have only been made available to customers with annual consumption over a high fuel threshold, but Mr Saunders said any company using even 50,000 litres a month should look into hedging.

"Now is a good time for businesses to review their fuel purchasing strategy and budgets, given the day-to-day price changes," he said. "SMEs in particular can take advantage of this solution by committing to hedging smaller quantities of fuel than have traditionally been possible.

"Businesses can take out contracts with a minimum length of six months with a fuel consumption of 50,000 litres per month hedged.

"The advantages for these fuel hedging strategies are the benefits of taking the guess work out of budgeting and relieving worries about possible sharp increases in fuel prices affecting cash flow.

"For businesses where fuel is a significant proportion of costs, any increase in price could have a highly detrimental effect on its profit margin."

The hedged fuel prices relate to the daily rates quoted by the Platt's index, which is a source of benchmark price assessments for



REVIEW: Paul Saunders is urging a re-think on fuel purchasing

commodities like fuel and metal.

This hedged price is agreed at the start of the partnership between the company and the bank, and will not deviate with any changes in the market price over the term of the contract.

Mr Saunders added: "The reason fuel is such a volatile commodity is due to the exceptional economic circumstances the world finds itself in today.

"The raw material price is dependent on supply as well as the recovery of a number of high consumption countries. The raw material price is set in US dollars, which can add an additional element of volatility as the UK prices in sterling.

"These effects, combined with the restoration of VAT to 20 per cent and increased duty, explains why fuel prices are so high in the UK.

"Ultimately SMEs could stabilise their fuel purchases and be in a more secure position to manage their business."

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Hello yellow – goodbye blues

After falling out of love with football by the end of his career at Gillingham, Andrew Crofts tells **DAVID PRITCHARD** about a return to form which has put him on the verge of stepping up to the Premier League with Championship high-flyers Norwich

SINCE being stripped of the Gillingham captaincy just over two years ago, it's fair to say life's been a bit of a rollercoaster for Andrew Crofts.

The nadir came in April, 2009, trudging off the pitch following a 1-0 defeat at Kettering as a Wrexham player in the depths of non-league. The 2008-09 season had begun with Crofts skipping the Gills and ended with his hometown club getting promoted. Crofts, however, was absent from the jubilant pictures from that day at Wembley and the following week the Chatham-born midfielder, who had come through the youth set-up at Priestfield, was released.

'I needed a fresh start because of what happened, but I had some great years at Gillingham'

A once promising career appeared to have hit the buffers, but less than two years later a revitalised Crofts has helped Norwich City to the brink of winning promotion to the Premier League and could see the midfielder line up for Wales against England next Saturday.

However, the future had looked anything but bright on his exit from Priestfield. Once the heartbeat of the side, Crofts made almost 200 appearances for the Gills by the time he was 24.

International recognition came his way, but the burden of captaining a struggling side appeared to take its toll and his performances suffered as the



Picture: KEITH SLATER

club were relegated at the end of the 2007-08 season.

A clash of personalities with manager Mark Stimson worsened when the midfielder lost the captain's armband to the more vocal Barry Fuller. Within a matter of weeks he was made available for loan, joining Peterborough before ending the campaign at Wrexham.

Crofts, who retains a soft spot for the Gills, is reluctant to look back on the lowest point in his career, but admitted it got to the stage where he needed to leave.

"I think everyone knows the reason but it's unprofessional to talk about it," he said.

"I needed a fresh start because of what happened but I had some great years at Gillingham, it was only the last season that I stopped enjoying it. Before that I loved the club, the fans were great to me and I'd love to see them promoted this year. It's good to see them in the play-offs and automatic is in their reach as well, so I'd be the first one who wants to see them get promoted."

Snapped up by Brighton, despite the

team making a slow start which saw Gus Poyet replace Russell Slade as manager, a resurgent Crofts was made captain and voted player of the year.

Several offers were on the table at the end of last season, but an approach from newly-crowned League One champions Norwich stood out.

After his first meeting with Paul Lambert, a former Scotland international, Champions League winner with Borussia Dortmund, and like Poyet a high achiever in Crofts' central midfield position, his mind was made up.

He said: "After speaking to the gaffer I knew I wanted to sign for them because I could tell which direction they were going."

"I want to learn as much as I can from [Lambert] because everyone knows what a world-class player he was and how good he is as a manager now. He's an out-and-out winner, that rubs off on everyone and it's been a pleasure playing for him."

His displays for the Canaries have seen Crofts force his way into the Wales side and he is likely to line-up against Wayne Rooney and co at the Millennium Stadium on Friday.

It has been a remarkable turnaround, with an appearance against Fabio Capello's men a suitable reward for an impeccable season at Carrow Road, which has seen him score eight goals and start all but two games this season.

"It would be fantastic to play against England, you work so hard as a footballer to be involved in those sorts of occasions," he said. "Fingers crossed I get selected and I'll take it from there."

"I don't know if it would be the highlight of my career; I've had some big pluses so far but I'm only 26, so there's still lots to come."

Given his meteoric rise over the last two years, it would take a brave man to bet against Crofts playing in the Premier League come August.



TURNAROUND: Andrew Crofts has reignited his career at Norwich and despite his struggles at Priestfield, he still has a soft spot for the Gills

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QUALIFIER: Barry Hawkins (pictured playing in last year's World Championships) gets another shot at the Crucible this year

Hawkins pots for favourable draw

AFTER securing his passage to the World Snooker Championships last weekend, Kent potter Barry Hawkins is keen to avoid the big guns in Monday's draw as he bids to break his Crucible duck.

The world number 25 showed glimpses of his best form beating Anthony Hamilton 10-5 in qualifying.

It is the sixth successive year Hawkins has made it to the sport's blue riband event in Sheffield, which begins on April 16. The draw for the first round will be made on Monday morning, with the 31-year-old from Dartford set for a tie with one of the world's top 16.

Hawkins is desperate for a favourable match-up as he looks to end a losing streak at the tournament which has seen him fall at the first hurdle for the last five years.

He said: "The obvious ones you don't want to get are [world number one] John Higgins and Ronnie O'Sullivan. Mark Williams is the man of the moment as well, so it would be good to avoid those three."

"I feel like I'm playing well. To be honest the whole season I've been consistent, but just come up against people in form. The odd miss here and there has cost me, but if I can keep playing like

this and get a bit of luck with the draw I'm confident I can do well."

Before turning his attention to the Crucible, Hawkins heads to Beijing next week for the China Open and a first-round meeting with world champion Neil Robertson.

Gerard Greene will also make the trip, ahead of a match against China's Yu Delu. The Rainham cueman will not be at the World Championships after suffering the disappointment of a 10-9 defeat to Dave Harold in qualifying. His stay at the PTC Grand Finals was also brief, losing 4-2 to Matthew Stevens in the last 32 in Dublin on Wednesday.

Picture: PETER STILL PHOTOGRAPHIC

**FLASHBACK:** Tim Harvey celebrates winning the BTCC title in 1992 (above) but is now firmly at home with Motorbase Performance

IF EXPERIENCE counted for championship points, Porsche Carrera Cup driver Tim Harvey could already begin fixing up a new set of shelves to extend his laden trophy cabinet.

The most successful racer in the history of the Carrera Cup and a true legend of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) scene, Harvey feels he has come home this season after signing for a second spell with Motorbase Performance in February.

Looking to defend his individual title and help further the rise of the Wrotham-based team, Harvey has come full circle, having started his illustrious motorsport career in Kent almost three decades ago.

Harvey is best-known for his time in the BTCC, having been part of the championship's golden era in the 1980s and 90s, and dramatically winning the 1992 title after a three-way shootout in the final race of the season.

However, he stumbled into the series through circumstance rather than choice, having initially pursued very different avenues into the motorsport world.

"I loved riding motorcycles so that's where I started off," Harvey said. "My brother then bought a go-kart; I went karting with him and one thing led to another."

"I started off car racing at Brands Hatch in the Formula Ford 1400s in 1983, but then in 1986, I had a bad accident at Silverstone where I broke both my ankles. I lost the mobility in my ankles and was out for seven months because I couldn't drive a single-seater."

"I got in a saloon car in 1987. I started the touring cars in a Rover Vitesse and never looked back from there. The timing was perfect because touring cars was about to enter a golden era."

BTCC television audiences soared during the 90s, although Harvey was never able to replicate his title-winning form as the championship became increasingly competitive.

Signing off with a 10th-placed finish in 2002, Harvey stepped away from the track, but remained ensconced in the touring car world as he moved upstairs to commentate for TV.

"I was noticed for being outspoken, quotable and good in front of a camera," he said.

"Touring cars is a very specific discipline and I've either driven in or commented on every race since 1987, so I've got a massive database of experience. Even when I'm commenting I feel like I'm in the race because I can see what's about to happen."

While his media commitments continue Harvey has carved out a



Still driven by the thrill of the race

When Tim Harvey climbed into a go-kart, little did he know it would lead to a motorsport career spanning four decades – and shows no sign of slowing down. STEVE TERVET reports

new niche for himself in the Carrera Cup, finishing inside the top-three every season since his first campaign in 2004.

He raced for Motorbase in 2006, finishing as runner-up, before moving to Redline Racing and sweeping to the title in two of the last three seasons.

Last term, only 10 points separated Harvey from runner-up Michael Caine, with the two now re-united as Motorbase team-mates.

Born in Farnborough, raised in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, Harvey said the decision to return to Kent had been easy, particularly given his 30-year friendship with Motorbase owner David Bartrum and the team's increasing prominence in the Carrera Cup.

"It's fantastic, it's like coming home for me," he said. "I grew up around Brands Hatch and I've known Dave for a long time."

"Motorbase have come a long way on the engineering side of things because 2006 was the first

year they did the Carrera Cup.

"Although I won the championship last year, Motorbase had a better car than us and Michael [Caine] had a better car in the second-half of the season. All the Motorbase cars were quicker and I felt I had a better chance of winning with them."

With so many talented young drivers coming through the ranks, Harvey could be forgiven for eyeing his retirement from the sport, but with 144 Carrera Cup race starts, the 49-year-old has 35 wins and 104 podium finishes to his name, he insists his hunger to keep racing – and winning – is undiminished.

"If I didn't have that drug, I wouldn't do it," he said.

"If you told me to get to Snetterton tomorrow morning at 7am, in the cold, I'd be just as excited as when I was a 16-year-old."

"I still love driving, the competition, the technical challenges and getting the best out of the car."

"There are new cars, new tyres, new circuits and new drivers to race against so the Carrera Cup is a constantly changing sporting arena."

Harvey begins his latest quest for silverware at Brands Hatch on April 2, when the 2011 Carrera Cup GB, again supporting the BTCC, gets under way.

Hong Kong Sevens next up for Caprice

RUGBY sevens player Dan Caprice will play in one of sport's most colourful events next weekend as England look to claim top honours at the Hong Kong Sevens.

The former Maidstone wing is looking to help his country edge ahead of New Zealand at the top of the IRB World Series table, with the pair locked together on 80 points at the halfway stage of the competition.

Caprice (pictured) has played in all four legs of the series so far, which saw England kick-off their campaign with victory at the Dubai Sevens in December.

Born in Chatham and schooled in Sevenoaks, Caprice made his debut for the England Sevens side in Hong Kong two seasons ago and is hoping to help them win the event for the first time since 2006. On Friday, England get their Group B campaign under way against China, before returning on Saturday to play Japan and the United States.



Club claims national indoor title at Lord's

CANTERBURY Cricket Club were crowned Indoor National Club Champions for the first time in their history after a comfortable win over Blaydon at Lord's last weekend.

The club, making their third appearance at finals day, lost just one wicket chasing down their target of 113.

Openers Paul Steer and Ryan Minter led the way, both retiring after reaching 25, providing a platform to win in the penultimate over.

Skipper Simon Smith hit the winning runs, while John Rose struck 27.

Smith said: "To come here and win the national championship, to score the winning runs – I will remember this day for the rest of my life."



Allstars get chance of Wembley defence

A FIVE-A-SIDE team from Kent have booked their place to play at Wembley in front of tens of thousands of spectators – for the second time in 12 months.

Evershine Allstars, from Ashford, will play on the hallowed turf just before the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final between Brentford and Carlisle United next month.

The Allstars qualified for the final with a flawless campaign in Milton Keynes to keep alive their hopes of retaining the trophy they won last season.

As part of the Football Festival competition, qualifying tournaments were held nationwide.

Kent U-20s fight for national finals spot

A PLACE in the national finals of rugby's under-20 County Championship is at stake for Kent as they go head-to-head with Hampshire in the divisional final on Sunday.

Having beaten Surrey and Sussex to finish top of their pool, Kent then edged past Hertfordshire 28-25 in a dramatic play-off two weeks ago.

They now face Hampshire at Old Albanians RFC in Hertfordshire for the right to take on the best sides from the Midlands, Northern and South West regions next month.

Canterbury's George Bertolis will skipper a Kent side featuring players from eight of the county's clubs, with the game kicking off at 3pm.

Picture: ADY KERRY



TARGET: Canterbury eye European place

Canterbury bid to finish season with Euro spot

THEIR hopes of winning the league title may be over by Sunday night, but Canterbury ladies are still focused on a successful finish to secure European qualification.

An impressive run either side of the winter break put the Kent side in pole position to win their first Premier Division title, but back-to-back 1-0 defeats against Reading and Leicester look costly.

Despite bouncing back with a 4-0 win against Cannock last weekend, Canterbury go into the final two games trailing Leicester by four points.

Even a win against struggling Olton & West Warwicks at Polo Farm on Sunday lunchtime may not be enough to take the title race to the final weekend, if Leicester win at University of Birmingham.

Nick Clark, Canterbury's coach, feels it would be a shock if the defending champions slipped up, but his side still have plenty to play for nonetheless.

Positive

He said: "Obviously if we're realistic I'd be surprised if Leicester dropped points now, although you never know."

"We want to make sure we finish second because that would have us at home in the play-offs, which is key, and we're all pretty positive about the end of the season."

A second-placed finish, which would be confirmed with a game to spare with victory this weekend, would see Canterbury at home in the play-offs against the team finishing third.

The hope is Leicester come through their half of the draw. With the Midlands side already claiming one of the European spots if they win the league, it would mean the second place would go to the other finalist, whatever the result.

Canterbury's men have endured contrasting fortunes in their first season back in the top flight. Their stay in the Premier Division looks set to be brief and relegation back to the Conference East will be rubber stamped if results go against them in Saturday's games.

Teen talents join county Academy

KENT have signed two teenage bowlers to their Academy programme.

Seam bowler Sam Weller, 16, who plays for Hartley Country Club in the Kent Premier League, and Bexley's 16-year-old left-arm spinner Henry Pickering have both been included on the Academy's senior programme.

Simon Willis, who heads up the county's Academy, said: "Kent is a club that's proud of its history, traditions and heritage – none more so than producing home-grown talent."

"We welcome both Henry and Sam onto our Academy as they have shown the qualities and standards we are looking for moving forwards."

Paul Farbrace, director of cricket at Kent, added: "At a time when bowlers are hard to find, it is great that Simon has been able to add a left-arm spinner and pace bowler."

"We are all looking forward to watching them progress over the next few years."

Farbrace sheikhs up Kent training with trip to Dubai

Picture: ADY KERRY

By GLENN PEARSON

KENT'S director of cricket, Paul Farbrace, described the club's decision to send the squad to Dubai for pre-season training as a "no-brainer" after the weather prevented them using the St Lawrence Ground outfield last week.

The players reported back on Monday expecting to begin outdoor training at the club's Canterbury ground, but preparations came to a halt when it was deemed the square and sections of the outfield wouldn't be up to scratch in time.

Farbrace floated the idea of training overseas and looked at options in India, Sri Lanka and South Africa before getting the green light to take 12 members of the squad and four support staff to the ICC Global Cricket Academy in Dubai – led by former Australia wicketkeeper Rod Marsh.

With it coming a week after the club had posted operating losses of £595,000 in its financial accounts for the year, Farbrace was keen to stress both he and the players care about Kent's financial situation, but the opportunity was not one to be passed up.

"They've done us a special deal and couldn't have done anything more for us," he said.

"It could turn out to be a blessing in disguise; if you had an idea of what would be ideal for pre-season training, this wouldn't be far off it. It's not something we had entertained, but it's a no-brainer because we would have had to train indoors with our bowlers bowling off two or three paces and that's not quality practice."

"We do care about the club's financial situation and we want to show people we are pulling out all the stops to do well this season."

The Kent squad arrived in Dubai in the early hours of Thursday morning and will spend the next week practicing on grass wickets, split into two sessions a day.

It will be good practice for the likes of Robbie Joseph, who was out for almost the whole of last season with a shoulder injury, as



KENT 12 IN DUBAI

Rob Key, Sam Northeast, Geraint Jones, Martin van Jaarsveld, Joe Denly, Darren Stevens, Alex Blake, Matt Coles, Simon Cook, Robbie Joseph, Dewald Nel, Adam Riley
SUPPORT STAFF: Paul Farbrace, Simon Willis, Pete Kelly, Nimmo Reid

he bids to be fit in time for the first game of the season, at Essex on April 8.

Several players had to be left behind, which indicates they are unlikely to play any part at the start of the season, and they, together with a group of triallists, will spend the week training at St Lawrence with assistant coach Phil Relf.

Ashley Shaw is not on the trip as he is out with a shin injury, while James Tredwell is on

HIGH TIME: The Kent squad jetted out to Dubai after the St Lawrence Ground was deemed unfit for outdoor training

England duty and Azhar Mahmood is unable to train every day.

However, promising off-spinner Adam Riley was part of the 12 that flew to Dubai and for the youngster, who turns 19 on Wednesday, it will be a good opportunity to mix with the first-team squad and impress skipper Rob Key.

Farbrace said: "It will be brilliant experience for him. I think he will do well this season and could get a chance in Twenty20 and one-day cricket."

"It's his mental strength that really stands out, he's really savvy and showed his ability when he went to Australia in the winter by progressing from fourth grade to first grade cricket, which is pretty unheard of."

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Barham's return delayed by missing invitation

BENN Barham's return to top-level golf has been put back after he missed out on an invitation to the Open de Andalucia next week.

The 35-year-old has spent the winter steadily recovering from surgery to remove a kidney containing a cancerous tumour.

Now with several weeks' training under his belt, Barham is ready to return to competition and applied for an invitation to play in the European Tour event near Malaga in Spain.

The decision rested with European Ryder Cup player Miguel Angel Jimenez, whose company promotes the event.

Barham was shortlisted for one of the seven available spots, but was overlooked.

It means the Tenterden golfer's return will be on the European Challenge Tour the week after, at the Kenya Open.

Barham admitted it was a little frustrating to miss out, but is just glad to be focusing on competing again.



WAIT FOR IT: Benn Barham is focused on competing

Picture: ADY KERRY

"I just want to put it behind me and let the golf do the talking."

Barham leaves for Nairobi next weekend to give himself plenty of time to prepare for the Kenya Open.

He has already played in three low-profile events to warm up for life back on tour and hopes to hit form for qualifying for The Open at Royal St George's.

Pro-am tournaments at the London Club and The Grove were followed by an appearance in the Sunningdale Foursomes this week, where he and playing partner Sam Little were knocked out in the first round, along with Kent duo Danielle Masters and Claire Aitken.

After a month away from the European Tour, Matt Haines and Steven Tiley returned to action at the Sicilian Open, which concludes on Sunday. Both were looking to make the cut, log on to www.kentsport.co.uk to find out how they got on.

Clubs move to avoid clash with England's Wales trip

By **STEVE TERVET**

FOOTBALL fans across Kent may be forced to choose between club and country next weekend when the non-league fixture programme collides with England's game against Wales.

The European Championship qualifier at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff kicks off on Saturday at 3pm, and live TV coverage means the clash conflicts with the regular club schedule.

Faced with the prospect of severely reduced attendances, several Kent clubs playing at home have agreed alternative kick-off times in order to alleviate the situation.

Ebbsfleet United have averaged gates of 963 at Stonebridge Road this season and secretary Peter Danzey was relieved to have brought forward their game against Bishop's Stortford to 1pm.

"It's a commercial decision, really," he said. "We don't know whether the crowd would have been affected, but we hope people will watch the game and then stay to watch the England game in the bar."

"I approached Bishop's Stortford, who had to give it a couple of days because they'd just had a new manager installed. They've agreed to it, the Conference are happy for it to be played earlier and so are the match officials."

Five miles away, Dartford's fixture against Lewes will also start two hours before the England game and Bromley will kick-off at 12.30pm against Hampton & Richmond.

Compromise

The picture is replicated in the Kent League, where the games at Erith & Belvedere, Holmesdale, Hythe Town and Lordswood will all kick-off early.

However, not every club has been able to strike a compromise. Sittingbourne, averaging crowds of just 132 in Ryman Division One South, are at home to Horsham YMCA, but secretary John Pitts revealed the visitors had blocked plans to bring the game forward.

"Unfortunately, we are kicking off at 3pm," he said. "We tried to persuade Horsham to play it earlier, but they refused because they didn't want to travel at that time."



BUSINESS SENSE: Ebbsfleet hope fans will stay and watch the England game in the bar after their game
Picture: DAVE PLUMB

Kent sides switch kick-off times to make way for Euro Championship qualifier at the Millennium Stadium

ALTERED KICK-OFFS

CONFERENCE SOUTH: Bromley v Hampton & Richmond Borough (12.30pm); Dartford v Lewes (1pm); Ebbsfleet United v Bishop's Stortford (1pm)

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION: Avey v Maidstone United (1pm); Croydon Athletic v Gray Wanderers (1pm)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Whitstable Town v Met Police (Sunday 1pm)

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Erith & Belvedere v Heme Bay (2pm); Holmesdale v Sevenoaks Town (1pm); Hythe Town v Fisher (1pm); Lordswood v Greenwich Borough (1pm)

"Every adult [who stays away] is £8 less and we've still got the officials to pay and they average between £140 and £150 per game. It could have quite an impact and it's ridiculous that we've got a game at that time."



Picture: GOR KUPCO

REFUSAL: Sittingbourne's (left) opponents Horsham YMCA blocked plans to move kick-off forward to avoid an England clash



LATE: Gillingham's annual accounts

Gills face fine over accounts

GILLINGHAM look set to be hit with a fine by Companies House after missing the deadline to file their annual accounts.

According to the official government register of UK companies, the club's figures for the year ending May 31, 2010, should have been submitted by the end of last month.

It is not uncommon for companies to submit their accounts late, but overdue accounts trigger a sliding scale of financial penalties under the Companies Act 2006.

As a private limited company Gillingham Football Club are liable for a £150 fine if they were to file the figures this month, with the punishment rising up to £1,500 if a series of further deadlines are missed.

Unlike in previous years, supporters will be unable to scrutinise the accounts even once they are filed. The transition from a public limited company to a private one was formally completed in December, 2009, and means the club do not have to disclose detailed information.

Gillingham declined to comment.

Action is taken over Beeb blog

LEGAL proceedings against the BBC have been started by Gillingham over a comment posted on one of the corporation's online blogs.

It is alleged the contributor, writing under a pseudonym in December, made accusations that racism existed within the club.

Gillingham want to sue the individual for damages and according to a writ filed at the High Court, they are seeking an order to force the BBC to disclose their name and address.

Earlier attempts to get the BBC to supply the information have reportedly failed.

A recent precedent indicates the Gills, who declined to comment on the case, may be unsuccessful. Last month the High Court ruled the Daily Mail did not have to reveal the identity of two posters on their website after Jane Clift, the subject of a story in 2009, launched legal action for defamation.

Mr Justice Sharp ruled the contributors' identity was protected by Article Eight of the European Convention of Human Rights.

Picture: STEVE TERRELL



TOUGH TASK: Jay Saunders (in blue) takes over from Andy Ford (inset) who quit on Tuesday

Saunders steps in for Stones as Ford quits

JAY Saunders has been handed the unenviable task of saving Maidstone United from relegation following Andy Ford's decision to quit the club on Tuesday.

Only three other managers have lost their jobs in Kent football this season, but Ford became the second to leave Homelands, just five months after arriving as Peter Nott's replacement.

Ford's dismal record of just four wins from 24 games leaves the Stones in deep peril and Saunders, 32, knows the odds are stacked against a miraculous recovery.

"It's not going to be easy, that's for sure," he said. "I think everyone expects us to go down so there's not a lot of pressure on the boys and I want them to enjoy the last few games."

"Maidstone's a big club and I feel quite honoured to have been given a chance. I don't want to take over and carry on losing,

I want to win games. You never know what can happen with other teams not being able to come up or having to drop down, but we'll take each game as it comes."

It was perhaps fitting that Ford's last game should be a 1-0 defeat to fellow strugglers Croydon Athletic at Homelands, as he failed to win a single home game during his time in charge.

"Being a football manager is all about results and the table does not lie," he admitted. "I would like to thank the players, directors and supporters for their support since I have been at the club, but felt that due to the results, it was the honourable thing to resign."

Saunders, in his second spell with



Maidstone after returning from Margate in January, may be the county's least experienced manager, but he is not the youngest.

When Ford quit his previous position at Welling United in October, 2009, the Wings chose to appoint Dartford midfielder Jamie Day as their new boss and the 31-year-old has guided them into the Conference South play-off places.

Saunders said: "I've known Jamie a long time, we played against each other when we were younger. I've spoken to him and he's said I just need the right people around me."

"It's a shame about Andy, because he's a fully committed bloke and he always gives it his all. He didn't feel it was working so he felt he had to resign."

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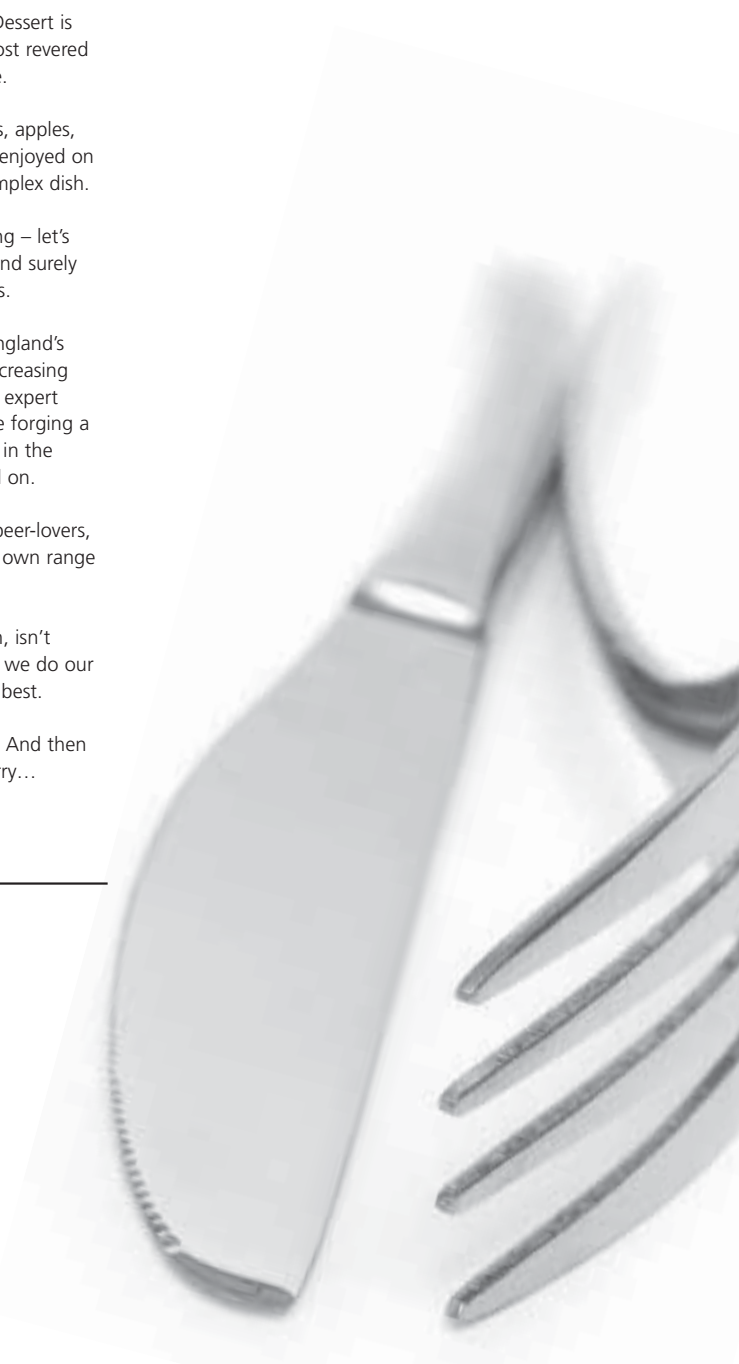
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01233 638033

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BIRCHINGTON



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1-3 Station Road, Birchington CT7 9RD
01843 847847

Located close to the main shops and train station, we serve great homemade food daily (Mon-Wed 12-3pm/ thurs - sat 12-3pm & 6-9pm) and traditional roast lunches on Sundays (12-4pm). Live music every weekend and every Wednesday at 6pm. We serve real ales & a fine selection of Draught Beers, and have a fabulous function room to hire FOR FREE!!

ASHFORD



THE WHEEL INN

The Street, Westwell, Ashford TN25 4LQ
01233 712430
www.thewheelinnwestwell.co.uk

A warm welcoming pub close to Pilgrims Way in the heart of the country side.

We serve a variety of both French and English food all sourced from the local area. There is something to suit every taste.

It is the ideal venue for live entertainment where you can hire a private dining area or the candle lit restaurant.

Why not come to The Wheel Inn today and see what we have to offer.

BIRCHINGTON



CROWN & SCEPTRE STOCKS RESTAURANT

The Street, Acol, Birchington CT7 0JA
01843 845758

www.crownandsceptrebirchington.co.uk

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01227 830830

www.mamafeelgoods.co.uk

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BIRCHINGTON



THE SEAVIEW HOTEL

96 Station Road, Birchington CT7 9RA
01843 841660

www.shepherd-neame.co.uk/seaviewhotel

Recently refurbished, we are a warm, friendly traditional pub, serving home-cooked food daily from 12pm - 3pm, our chef has previously catered for the royal family! We offer refurbished letting rooms, and a function room for hire. We are close to the train station, and have a secluded garden great for the summer. We also have a weekly entertainment programme.

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THE WHITE HORSE INN

The Street, Boughton-under-Blean, Faversham ME13 9AL
01227 751343

www.whitehorsecanterbury.co.uk

A unique 15th century venue steeped in history and oozing with character boasting traditional features such as original oak beams and an open fire. Our menu is designed by head chef Glen Smith-Richards and uses fresh produce which is locally sourced. Located between Canterbury and Faversham in a glorious village we also have hotel accommodation and gorgeous landscaped gardens.

BRIDGE



RED LION

75 High Street, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5LB
01227 832213

www.redlionbridge.co.uk

Rene and Harry welcome you to enjoy some French hospitality in the heart of the Kent countryside. Just a hop, skip and a jump from Canterbury, the historic village of Bridge is home to this gastronomic treasure and community favourite.

During the spring and summer months, The Red Lion's large beer garden is put to good use, hosting a beer festival and even hog roasts.

BROADSTAIRS



SPICE COTTAGE

4 Dundonald Road, Broadstairs CT10 1PE
01843 603017

Award winning gold standard Halaal Tandoori Restaurant is a must visit. Catering for Halaal and Vegetarian diets it can be found in the centre of Broadstairs and seats up to 45 guests. It caters for large groups and also has a takeaway and delivery service. The Spice Cottage has no alcohol licence so only sells soft drinks however you can bring your own alcohol should you wish with no corkage fee. With all this in mind The Spice Cottage is probably the tastiest and most cost effective place to dine.

BROMPTON



KING GEORGE V

Prospect Row, Brompton ME7 5AL
01634 842418

www.kgvpub.com

A Cask Marque real ale house specialising in Belgian beers, single malts & rum. Superb letting rooms close to Chatham's historic dockyard & Royal Engineers Museum. Hot food served every day with Sunday roast a must! Pizzas cooked at all times. We also boast ale & cider festivals - a £5 food & drink deal - live music - rum, whisky, curry & walking clubs - free meat raffle each Saturday - free cheesecake every Sunday. This place is a gem. It's like pubs used to be. The staff are warm and friendly. There is always something different happening.

CANTERBURY



CAFFE VENEZIA

60-61 Palace Street, Canterbury CT1 2DY
01227 787786

www.caffevenezia.co.uk

Caffè Venezia is an independently owned cafe/restaurant located just a few steps away from Canterbury Cathedral.

Our aim is to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere and serve good quality, home cooked food at a reasonable price. Our menu combines both continental classics and British favourites like our well-renowned English breakfast. We also offer an extensive list of hot and cold beverages.

CANTERBURY



THE CHEQUERS INN FREE HOUSE

Stone street, Petham, Canterbury CT4 5PW
01227 700743

The Chequers Inn is a traditional Country Free House serving delicious home cooked food and Real Ales.

Sunday carvery's are a favourite plus there is an a-la-carte menu available Tues-Sat, or choose from the specials board which changes seasonally. A homely pub with roaring log fires in the winter. There is also a family garden for the warmer months not to mention it's where the beer festivals are held throughout the year.

CANTERBURY



THE GOLDEN LION

Mayton Lane, Broadoak, Canterbury CT2 0QJ
01227 710454

Set in the gorgeous Kent countryside, in the pretty village of Broad Oak is The Golden Lion.

Owner and chef Colin Robson has put The Golden Lion on the map as the place to go for quality food and friendly service.

The golden lion also caters for events, including weddings, and the pub has its own marquee and garden area.

Open Mon-Thurs noon till 3pm, 6pm-11pm. Fri & Sat noon till 3pm, 6pm-1am. Sun noon-11pm.

CANTERBURY



THE WHITE HART INN

Worthgate Place, Canterbury CT1 2QX
01227 765091

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CANTERBURY



THE WOOLPACK INN

The Street, Chilham, Canterbury CT4 8DL
01227 730208

Located in the Garden of England Just off the A28 between Ashford and Canterbury is the chocolate box village of Chilham, where you can find a real gem; the 600 year old Woolpack Inn is nestled at the bottom of the hill in the shadow of the Norman castle.

Parking available for 25 cars to the rear of the hotel and space enough to accommodate a coach.

The family-run Woolpack combines a fantastic location and great hospitality to make a memorable trip, a must on any visit to the South East.

CHATHAM



TAJ CUISINE

1, Sherwood House, Walderslade Centre, Chatham ME5 9UD
01634 686648

www.tajcuisine.net

This popular restaurant offers multi award winning Indian and Bangladeshi cuisine. Master chef Abul Monsur creates many special unique dishes by carefully choosing spices and combining them to give your taste buds an enjoyable explosion. Using only the best in fresh quality meat, fish and vegetables you can be ensured of a delicious dining experience.

Open Mon-Sun 12-2.30pm and 6-11.30pm. Friday evenings only 6-11.30pm.

CHARING



THE BOWL INN

Egg Hill Road, Charing TN27 0HG
01233 712256

www.bowlinn.co.uk

The Bowl Inn is a 16th Century Freehouse offering an ever changing selection of Real Ales, with a focus on local micro brewers. There is an extensive rural garden and South facing front sun terrace which is covered and heated on those more typical English summer days! There are also facilities for camping. We have 5 recently refurbished ensuite letting rooms available at competitive rates. Please see website or call for details.

CHATHAM



THE TIGER MOTH

Highview Drive, Chatham ME5 9UJ
01634 861653

A popular food house with a friendly atmosphere and good pub food served from a main menu and specials board. Offering great meal deals which include '2 x mains for £10', Grill and a drink (Tues) and Curry and a drink (Thurs) for just £6.49. Breakfasts available Mon - Fri from 9am! Sunday roasts. Beer garden. ESPN & Sky Sports shown (away from diners). Families welcome.

Open Mon - Fri 9am - 11pm (food 9 - 9), Sat 11am - 11pm (food 12 - 9), Sun 12 - 10.30 pm (food 12 - 7).

CHARING HEATH



THE RED LION

Charing Heath Road, Charing Heath, Ashford TN27 0AU
01233 712418

The Red Lion is a beautiful 16th century English country pub situated in the heart of the Kent countryside. Opening times, Food Served Monday-Saturday 12-3pm then 6-9pm, Sunday Lunch 12-5pm.

Originally a thatched farmhouse built in 1562, the building's history can be traced back to the reign of Elizabeth I. Customers can see for themselves a piece of the pub's fascinating history. Dating from 1850, rumour has it that strange things occur if it is taken off the premises.

CLIFFS END



THE SPORTSMAN

123 Sandwich Rd, Cliffs End, Ramsgate CT12 5JB
01843 852 547

www.shepherdneame.co.uk/pub/cliffsend/sportsman

Situated opposite the beautiful Pegwell Bay with stunning views, we're a family friendly venue serving wonderful gastro pub food. Completely refurbished in October 2010, our contemporary yet still old charm will give you a base for a relaxing drink. Serving a range of Shepherd Neame real ales, and boasting quiz, bingo and poker nights. Function room also for hire.

CHARTHAM



THE ARTICHOKE

Rattington Street, Chartham CT4 7JQ
01227 738316

Susan and Joe welcome you to a warm cosy old fashioned country pub. Parts of the pub dates back to 1296 and the dining room has a large table that incorporates a freshwater well.

We serve excellent home cooked and freshly prepared food, Tuesday to Sat lunch 12 - 2.30 and evenings (bookings only) 6-9pm and Sunday Roasts.

There's a ladies and gents bat and trap team, darts and poker club.

CLIFTONVILLE



GOLDEN CURRY

63 Northdown Road, Cliftonville CT9 2RJ
01843 295658

This is a family run business established since 1978 and within walking distance from Margate beach, the Town Centre and Winter Gardens.

The restaurant serves a wide variety of Bangladeshi food and also Indian and English food where they also serve to order. The restaurant is very popular with the locals and has a contemporary feel inside where the staff are friendly and welcoming. Please call for more information.



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43 Spital Street, Dartford DA1 2DX

01322 226 645

www.courthousedartford.co.uk

The Courthouse in Dartford is a Young's pub serving premium cask ales and a selection of draught lagers. We show every event on sky sports and have lots of events during the week including Poker, Darts and Live Music.

Our Kitchen is open 7 days a week 12 'til 2:30 serving up homemade food and daily specials. We have a lovely garden to enjoy and welcome families every day.

To find out more please visit
www.courthousedartford.co.uk

DEAL



THE EAGLE TAVERN

52 Queen St, Deal CT14 6HD

01304 729358

Opening Times: Monday – Thursday midday till 11.30pm. Friday & Saturday midday – 12am. Sunday's midday – 11pm.

Dawn & Mark would like to welcome you to the Eagle Tavern, serving real ales, offering live music, monthly quizzes and themed nights.

Here at the newly decorated Eagle we like to uphold a good, warm, friendly feeling making us the place to be for either a quiet drink or a good night out!

DEAL



THE ADMIRAL KEPPEL

90 Manor Road, Deal CT14 9DB

01304 367510

Sam and all the staff would like to welcome you to the Admiral Keppel, one of the oldest pubs remaining in Deal.

- Functions for all celebrations
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- Large garden with a bouncy castle
- Live music every Friday and Sunday
- Pool table and Dart Boards
- 4 Flat screen televisions

A warm family orientated pub so come and have a drink with us!

DODDINGTON



THE CHEQUERS INN

The Street, Doddington ME9 0BG

01795 886366

This listed coaching inn has played an integral part in Doddington for centuries, oozing history and charm with its oak timbers, mullion windows and inglenook fireplace.

It is also reported to have two resident ghosts – a Cavalier from the English Civil War and, a ghoul with a passion for the piano. The Chequers is warm and friendly, a great place for a pint and homemade meals from our new restaurant

DEAL



THE ALMA

126 West Street, Deal CT14 6EB

01304 369349

The Alma is the place to be for either a quiet drink or a good night out. We have live music with bands.

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EASTRY



THE FIVE BELLS

The Cross, Lower Street, Eastry CT13 0HX

01304 611188

The Five Bells is a traditional old English village pub offering darts, pool and petanque facilities, as well as a warm cosy atmosphere in which to chat, sample our real ales and enjoy a selection of our homemade food served seven days a week by our friendly and helpful staff. We hold monthly Fine Dining evenings and have a private function room for celebrations, parties and meetings. We also have B&B rooms coming soon.

DEAL



DUNKERLEY'S RESTAURANT AND HOTEL

19 Beach Street, Deal CT14 7AH

01304 375016

www.dunkerleys.co.uk

Our award-winning restaurant and accommodation is in the heart of Deal, just a stone's throw away from the beach. We are in easy reach of Dover, Canterbury, Sandwich, Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate.

We are renowned for our fresh local seafood throughout South East England. All our mouthwatering dishes are enhanced by an extensive choice of fine wines. We are open from 8.00am until 11.00pm. Enjoy the delights of Deal.

FAVERSHAM



THE COURTYARD RESTAURANT CAFE

Brogdale Farm, Brogdale Rd, Faversham ME13 8XZ

01795 530013

www.courtyard-brogdale.co.uk

The Courtyard offers good English cooking, using fresh local produce, served in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Open daily for breakfast, morning coffee, lunches and afternoon cream teas.

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FAVERSHAM



THE ELEPHANT

31 The Mall, Faversham ME13 8JN
01795 590157

We are an Award Winning family run pub serving real ales and guest ales changing daily. We welcome families and offer you the use of our secluded garden and barbeque – just bring your own food!! We have regular clubs meeting at our cosy & friendly venue, and have live music nights – please contact us for details.

The Elephant has won the Swale Camra Pub of the Year 2006-2011 and East Kent Pub 2010.

HADLOW



THE ROSE & CROWN

87 Carpenters Lane, Hadlow, Tonbridge TN11 0ER
01732 850242

The Rose & Crown is a public house, restaurant and bed & breakfast, with a friendly atmosphere. We offer a large selection of real ales, lagers, spirits and fine wines. Sit and relax in our comfortable lounge with a brick built fireplace.

Try our tempting menu of home cooked food served all day. Outside catering is available, why not eat & drink in our beer garden?

We have live sports and also have a popular Monthly Sunday night quiz.

HERNE BAY



THE QUEEN VICTORIA

108 High Street, Herne Bay CT6 5 JY
01227 373664

Newly Refurbished and Under New Ownership, The Queen Victoria is a Inner Town Centre Pub.

Enjoy a relaxing drink during the day with the family and at night on offer are Disco's, Karaoke and Live Bands' Large TV Screen show all sports.

Jo Jo's function room is available for hire for all occasions.

New for 2011, The outside Stable Bar re-opens.

FAVERSHAM



JUDD'S FOLLY HOTEL

Syndale Park, London Road, Faversham ME13 0RH
01795 591818
www.juddsfollyhotel.co.uk

Set in 3 acres of parkland with views over the Swale Valley, Judd's Folly Hotel offers 17 refurbished en-suite bedrooms, an outside patio dining area, conservatory restaurant and an original lounge bar with open fireplace. Serving homemade dishes using fresh local produce our menu caters for all tastes.

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HARRIETSHAM



PEPPER BOX INN

Windmill Hill, Fairbourne Heath, Harrietsham ME17 1LP
01622 842558
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HIGHAM



GARDENERS ARMS

2 Forge Lane, Higham, Rochester ME3 7AS
01474 823901

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FOLKESTONE



THE COACH AND HORSES

Church Road, Lyminge, Folkestone CT18 8JA
01303 862694

Opening Times Monday – Thursday midday till 11pm, Friday & Saturday midday till 1am, Sunday midday till 10:30.

Alicja & Kevin welcome you at the Coach & Horses. Serving real Ales & good food.

New restaurant now open serving traditional pub food, seasonal produce used & the menu is changed regularly. Sunday lunch, midday till 4pm. A selection of meats & vegetarian options available.

Quiz night last Wednesday of the month.

HERNE BAY



THE HERON

Station Road (next to railway Station), Herne Bay CT6 5QJ
01227 657818

An Out of town pub with garden and children's play area.

The Heron hosts a separate restaurant Serving Homemade food sourced from local suppliers they offer daily specials and roasts. Food is served daily 11-3pm and 6-9pm Frid and Sat.

There are bank holiday BBQ's and entertainment, open mic nights, karaoke, disco's and live bands.

Darts, Sports TV, Pool, Bat n Trap and Poker nights. There is a Function room to Hire suitable for all occasions.

HIGHAM



THE KNOWLE COUNTRY HOUSE RESTAURANT

School Lane, Higham ME3 7HP
01474 822262

www.knowlecountryhouse.co.uk

Set in 14 acres of orchards and English gardens this unique privately owned Victorian gothic mansion offers one of the finest venues in Kent.

Emphasis is placed on English fayre, fresh produce and traditional cooking with a regular changing menu. Open tues - fri evenings a 4 course menu (starter, main course, dessert and cheese) is offered at £29.90 per head . Also open for sunday lunches. We specialise in weddings, conferences and private parties. For more details visit our website.

FOLKESTONE



DON GIOVANNI

18 Bouverie Road West, Folkestone CT20 2SZ
01303 850962
www.dongiovannisfolkestone.com

Don Giovanni is one of the leading Italian restaurants in East Kent and is a great place to try if diners want a little Mediterranean experience. Close to the Leas and the seafront in Folkestone, it is a warm and cosy venue with a Latin ambience, which is much appreciated by discerning customers. The venue is open from noon to 2.30pm, and 6.30pm to 10.30pm Monday – Saturday, and 6.30pm to 10pm on Sundays.

HERNE BAY



HUNTSMAN & HORN

Margate Road, Broomfield, Herne Bay CT6 7AF
01227 370965

Huntsman & Horn was established in 1739 and is a family run pub and restaurant. It has a warm and friendly atmosphere where they serve traditional English food daily except on Tuesdays. During the week they serve lunch from 12pm-3pm and in the evenings Wednesday-Saturday 6pm-930pm. Sunday roast is available from 12pm-4pm.

Saturday night we have couples night where there is a special menu available to choose from. In the summer time we have a large outdoor area with seating ideal for families with children.

HOATH



THE PRINCE OF WALES

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01227 860338

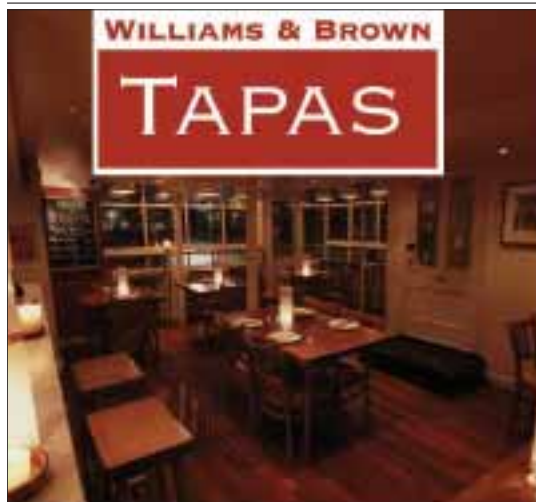
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www.gunandspitroast.co.uk

This quintessentially English 16 century country Inn, selling local real ales and fine wines set on the green of Horsmonden is famous for its succulent Spitroast meats & homemade heart-warming meals.

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HORSMONDEN



THE HIGHWAYMAN

Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge TN12 8JJ

01892 722516

www.highwaymanhorsmonden.co.uk

Built in the 1640s as a brewery and overlooking the picturesque village green, this traditional village pub boasts open fires, award winning Real Ales and reasonably priced, locally sourced, quality pub food. Visit us on Friday for our superb home made, beer battered Fish & Chips or pop in on Sunday for a relaxed Home Cooked Sunday Lunch. The Highwayman also hosts regular Open Mic Nights (see website for details).

HYPHE



HYPHE BRASSERIE

1 Douglas Avenue, Hythe CT21 5JT

01303 267 912

www.hythebrasserie.com

Recently re-opened and personally managed by husband-and-wife team Nicki and Darragh Cartmill, Hythe Brasserie offers classical cuisine with an imaginative twist. The food is carefully produced with an emphasis on delicious flavours, while all cuisine is homemade and cooked from scratch.

The Brasserie serves morning coffee, lunch and an à la carte dinner from Tuesday until Saturday. The modestly priced, comprehensive wine list is carefully chosen to partner your meal. Hythe Brasserie raises the bar for modern and contemporary cuisine.

HYPHE



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01303 262000

www.sotirios-hythe.com

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KINGSGATE



THE NINETEENTH HOLE

11-13 George Hill Road, Kingsgate CT10 3JX

01843 869548

www.thorleytaverns.co.uk

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LYDD



THE GEORGE HOTEL

11 High Street, Lydd TN29 9AJ

01797 321710

www.thegeorgelydd.com

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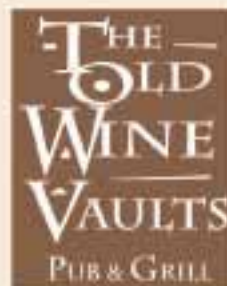
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Fabulous 2 story listed building, the largest Indian restaurant in Kent with 300 seats. Traditional, authentic Bangladeshi and modern Indian cuisine. A la carte restaurant on top floor overlooking an Oriental Buffet on ground floor with over 60 dishes including Chinese, Thai and Indian dishes. Party room with DJ, dance floor and licensed bar until 2am. We have live entertainment and tribute nights.

MARGATE



COSMO CHINESE BUFFET RESTAURANT

Marine Terrace, Margate CT9 1XJ
01843 296668

MARGATE seafront and its amazing views are just one of the features of the Cosmo Chinese Buffet Restaurant. Situated on Marine Terrace, next to the former Dreamland amusement park. Diners can eat as much as they like and choose from food representing the best of all the varied cuisines of China.

A full menu of drinks is also available for diners and the Restaurant is open for lunch and evening dining.

MAIDSTONE



THE WHITE HORSE INN

Lenham Heath Road, Sandway, Maidstone ME17 2HY
01622 859511
www.the-white-horse.com

The White Horse Inn is a large country pub, situated in Sandway, just outside Lenham. We serve Mexican cuisine and also a choice of bar food or more substantial restaurant meals, traditional Sunday roasts. We have live music every other Friday, and host an over 30's singles nights once a month.

There is a function room for hire, licensed for 100 people. A beer festival is planned for July.

Opening hours are 5 – 11 pm, Monday to Thursday, 5-12 Friday, 12 – 12 Saturday, and 12 – 10.30 on Sunday.

MERSHAM



THE ROYAL OAK MERSHAM

The Street, Merham, Ashford TN25 6NA
01233 502218
www.shepherdneame.co.uk

16th Century family friendly pub with hopped oak beams and log fires to two bars. Newly refurbished restaurant offering a good choice of freshly home cooked food. Sunday roasts from £6.95. OAP lunch on Thursday £5.95 for two courses. Charity quiz on Sunday evenings. Large west facing walled garden. Large car park to rear.

MARDEN



THE WHITE HART

Benover Road, Claygate, Nr Marden TN12 9PL
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RAMSGATE



BON APETIT

4 Westcliff Arcade, Ramsgate CT11 8LH
01843 852750

A well established family owned restaurant of 10 years overlooking the wonderful views of Ramsgate marina. We offer the finest international cuisine, all prepared to order using the freshest seasonal and locally sourced ingredients. We can readily cater for any dietary requirements and special requests. Party bookings are welcome and our restaurant is the perfect setting for any special occasions. We have an ever changing menu and offer the most welcoming friendly and attentive service.

MARGATE



CECIL'S BAR + KITCHEN

12-14 Cecil Square, Margate CT9 1BD
01843 294296

The recently refurbished Cecil's Bar + Kitchen is a contemporary comfortable establishment which serves great food ranging from Steaks to Sandwiches with vegetarian options, great service and family friendly. There is parking available at the front of the building and a 100" screen plus four 50" screens which feature most major sporting events. At the weekend the venue comes alive with live bands and DJ's.

RAMSGATE



CCCP BAR & RESTAURANT


14-18 Chatham Street, Ramsgate CT11 7PP
01843 592811
www.cccprestaurent.co.uk

Kents only Russian & eastern European restaurant, serving traditional & elegant dishes from these areas.

We are family friendly & close to Ramsgate High Street, with ample free parking outside.

Our tempting & tantalising menu is available 7 days a week for lunches & dinners.

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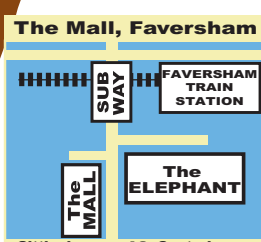
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RAMSGATE



PATOUGH

2 Effingham Street, Ramsgate CT11 9AT
01843 852631

www.patoghrestaurant.co.uk

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RAMSGATE



SURIN RESTAURANT

30 Harbour Street, Ramsgate CT11 8HA
01843 592001

www.surinrestaurant.co.uk

Thai, Lao and Cambodian cuisine.

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Open from Monday to Saturday (Closed Monday lunch). We are also open Sunday Bank holiday dinner. Lunch 12:30 – 2:30pm Dinner 6:00 – 11:00pm.

ROCHESTER



THE BRIDGEWARDENS

The Tideway, Rochester ME1 3PU
01634 845689

A local pub in Rochester, serving a selection of draught beers, wines and spirits. The pub has a comfortable and welcoming atmosphere and friendly staff. For all customers who fancy a bite to eat, Food is served all day, and on Sunday a delicious roast dinner. On the premises of the pub there is a huge beer garden with a children's play area, a great place to chill out in the summer months. Whatever you are looking for you are sure to find it at The Bridge Wardens.

ROCHESTER



EXPECTATIONS

15 High Street, Rochester ME1 1PY
01634 848182

A fun & friendly high street pub, with welcoming & smiling staff.

The pub itself is full of character and charm whether it be for a quiet pint or a good night out with friends this is the place to be.

We have sky sports to watch those important games and Karaoke on most Fridays and Saturdays to let your hair down.

SITTINGBOURNE



THE KEMSLEY ARMS

The Square, Ridham Avenue, Sittingbourne ME10 2SL
01795 472238

A lovely village pub with a variety of draught beers, wines and spirits. The pubs great atmosphere and friendly welcome make it a fantastic place for everyone to be. To keep everyone amused we have a dartboard and a pool table. With live music, karaoke and disco nights, We have a function room which can be offered with or without a disco.

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SITTINGBOURNE



ROSE & CROWN

Lower Hartlip Road, Sittingbourne ME9 7SS
01795 842448

A very popular village pub, under new management, with a warm & welcoming atmosphere.

It's the perfect place for a pint in quiet surroundings or a fantastic home cooked meal in our cosy restaurant.

There is ample parking and a lovely beer garden to dine & drink outside in the summer, a fine establishment worth spending an evening in if all you want to do is relax and chat to friends over a few beers.

SITTINGBOURNE



THE THREE TUNS

The Street, Lower Halstow, Near Sittingbourne ME9 7DY
01795 842840

www.the-tuns.co.uk

Built in 1468 and first granted its Ale licence in 1764, The Three Tuns is a popular eating and drinking venue.

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SHORNE



SEE - HO

Peartree Lane, Shorne, Nr Gravesend DA12 3JA
01634 822386

A friendly country pub serving a good range of home prepared meals. Priding itself in using as much local produce as possible, fresh fish and great steaks this pub is certainly worth finding.

Situated in the village of Shorne it is popular with walkers / hikers who enjoy the excellent local countryside. Sunday lunches. Beer garden. Regular live music – telephone for details.

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Barnsole Road, Staple, near Canterbury CT3 1LE
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TENTERDEN



SAVANNAH COFFEE SHOP

2 The Cellars, High Street, Tenterden TN30 6BN
01580 766167

Savannah Coffee Shop is situated in the old Cellars, Tenterden High Street. Open daily from 9am until 5pm. All food is freshly made at the London Beach Country Hotel by executive head Chef Olly Saunders and his team. Have a renowned Savannah cream tea on a beautiful summer's day or try the Game pie, pies, sausage rolls and soup. Lately Savannah has obtained a liquor licence and will be selling local wine and beer.

TENTERDEN



LONDON BEACH RESTAURANT

Ashford Road, Tenterden TN30 6HX
01580 766279

www.londonbeach.com

The Renowned London Beach Restaurant offers two outstanding menus for you to choose from. There is a superb table d'hôte menu open daily from 12.30-2.30 for lunch and 7pm until 9pm for dinner, as well as a specialised Brasserie Menu serving food from 7am until 9pm. The restaurant offers a wonderful atmosphere, welcoming staff and stunning views. All food served is freshly made by our executive Head Chef Olly Saunders and his team, with most ingredients being sourced locally.

UPNOR



THE TUDOR ROSE

29/31 High Street, Upnor ME2 4XG
01634 715305

www.the-tudor-rose-upnor.co.uk

Sitting right next to Upnor Castle overlooking the River Medway and St Mary's Island, This is a pub worth finding! Home-made dishes, using locally sourced ingredients featuring strongly on the menu which offers not only traditional pub food but special days including Friday – Fish Day, Sunday – Traditional Home Cooked Roast & Wednesday – Meal Deals. We are not a fast food restaurant, we serve Home Cooked food as fast as we can. Live music evenings, bat & trap games and a beer garden to relax outside. 2008 Master of Beer.

TENTERDEN



MOUCHAK

11 Grange Road, St Michaels, Tenterden TN30 6DL
01580 761313

www.mouchak.com

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WESTBERE



YE OLDE YEW TREE INN

32 Westbere Lane, Westbere, Canterbury CT2 0HH
01227 710 501

www.yewtreewestbere.co.uk

Located in the picturesque village of Westbere, just 3 miles from Canterbury, this 14th Century Inn is beautifully beamed with a large inglenook fireplace. The outside is scenic with lake views. The menu is high quality, seasonal and sourced locally, while also offering good value.

Opening Times; Tuesday to Friday 11.30am – 3pm & 5.30pm – 11pm, Sat and Sun all day.

TENTERDEN



RAJA OF KENT

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WESTGATE ON SEA



THE SWAN AT WESTGATE

75 Sea Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8QG
01843 831401

www.theswanatwestgate.co.uk

The Swan at Westgate offers something to suit everyone; from super food, a great range of drinks and a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

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